

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
5:30 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

JORGE A. PEREZ, CHAIRPERSON
ASHELY BERTUSSI, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
SERGIO LOPEZ, COMMISSIONER
AARON POPEJOY, COMMISSIONER
ANDY ALVAREZ, COMMISSIONER
RAMIRO URIAS, COMMISSIONER
JEFFREY CHAN, COMMISSIONER

CALL TO ORDER:

The El Centro Planning Commission convened in a regular session at City Hall Council Chambers, 1275 W. Main Street, El Centro, California at 5:30 PM.

Chairperson Jorge A. Perez presided over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairperson Jorge Perez
Commissioner Andy Alvarez
Commissioner Sergio Lopez
Commissioner Aaron Popejoy
Commissioner Jeffrey Chan

ABSENT:

Vice-Chairperson Ashely Bertussi
Commissioner Ramiro Urias

CITY STAFF ATTENDANCE:

Community Development Director, Angel Hernandez
Public Works Director/City Engineer, Abraham Campos
Principal Engineer, Felix De Leon
Building Official, Frank Soto
Building Inspector, Virgilio Anguiano
Associate Planner, Andrea Montañó
Assistant Planner, Sara A. Silva
Staff Assistant, Poletth Lopez

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are approved by one motion. Commissioners or members of the public may pull consent items to be considered separately at a time determined by the Chairperson.

1. Approval of January 14, 2025 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Aaron Popejoy moved to Approve, seconded by Commissioner Sergio Lopez.

Voting Yes: Chairperson Perez, Commissioner Lopez, Commissioner Popejoy, Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Chan

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Public Hearing to consider approval of Conditional Use Permit 24-05 for Humane Society of Imperial Valley

Duggins Construction, Inc., applied for a Conditional Use Permit for the construction and operation of an animal shelter operated by the Humane Society of Imperial Valley, located +664 feet north from the northwest corner of E. Ross Rd. and S. Hope St. on property with APN 053-312-058. The project consists a 7,724 square foot building on a 1-acre lot that includes offices, administration area, and 107 kennels spaces. The site also includes an outside dog run, landscaping and parking area. Pursuant to Section 15332 "In-Fill Development Projects" of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, it has been determined that this project is exempt from further environmental review.

Presentation: Sara Silva, Assistant Planner

Recommendation:

Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 25-01, Approving Conditional Use Permit 24-05 subject to the adoption of the required findings for the proposal

Assistant Planner, Sara A. Silva, commenced her presentation to the Planning Commission to discuss a conditional use permit for the construction and operation of an animal shelter by the Humane Society of Imperial Valley.

Humane Society Executive Director, Devon Apodaca spoke in favor of this project. In addition, he gave details about the current situation with the Humane Society and the importance of this project. Additionally, Duggins Construction Project Manager, Oscar Grijalva and Ms. Price also spoke in favor of this project.

Commissioner Popejoy moved to Approve, seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Lopez, Vice-Chairperson Perez, Commissioner Popejoy, Commissioner Chan

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

NON-ACTION INFORMATION ITEMS

3. Community Development Department Report

No questions were asked about the monthly Community Development report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments obtained.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M.