

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026
5:30 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

ASHLEY BERTUSSI, CHAIRPERSON
JEFFREY CHAN, VICE-CHAIRPERSON
SERGIO LOPEZ, COMMISSIONER
ANDY ALVAREZ, COMMISSIONER
AARON POPEJOY, COMMISSIONER
JORGE A. PEREZ, COMMISSIONER
ARMANDO MUÑOZ, 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 Ashley Bertussi presided over the meeting.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairperson Ashley Bertussi
Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Chan
Commissioner Andy Alvarez
Commissioner Sergio Lopez
Commissioner Jorge A. Perez
Commissioner Aaron Popejoy
Commissioner Armando Muñoz

ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF:

Community Development Director, Angel Hernandez
Principal Engineer, Felix de Leon Jr.
Building Inspector, Virgilio Anguiano
Associate Planner, Andrea Montañó
Assistant Planner, Valeria Landeros
Staff Assistant, Poleth 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 December 9, 2025, Planning Commission Minutes.

Commissioner Alvarez requested a change to the letterhead. Staff took note and will correct.

Commissioner Alvarez moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining: Commissioner Perez

2. Finding of Public Convenience or Necessity for Wal-Mart Gas Station Convenience Store at the northwest corner of Waterman Avenue and Bradshaw Drive

Commissioner Popejoy moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez.

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discussion and any necessary action regarding attendance at the Cal Cities Planning Commissioner's Academy

The Planning Commission nominated Vice-Chairperson Jeffrey Chan and Commissioner Andy Alvarez to attend the conference. Vice-Chairperson Chan accepted while Commissioner Andy Alvarez will check if his schedule will allow it. If he cannot attend, Commissioner Armando Muñoz will take his place.

Commissioner Popejoy moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lopez.

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

Voting No: None

Abstaining: None

NON-ACTION INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Community Development Department Report

No questions were asked about the Community Development monthly report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were obtained.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 P.M.