

SIERRA VISTA PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2015
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Sierra Vista Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Members Present: Ruben Miranda, Chair
 Kevin Jorgenson, Vice Chair
 Dave Grieshop
 David Thompson

Members Absent: Bob Simon
 Patricia Olson
 John Barton

Staff Present: Matt McLachlan, AICP, Director
 Jeff Pregler, Senior Planner

Council Present: Councilmember Gray

Others Present: None

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Thompson made the motion to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grieshop.

VOTE: Approved by a vote of 4-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

1. Mr. Thompson made the motion to accept the minutes of October 20, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grieshop.

VOTE: Approved by a vote of 3-0 with one abstention (Mr. Jorgenson).

CHAIR COMMENTS

Mr. Miranda stated that Cochise County is proposing to construct a regional communications center for public safety purposes to be located adjacent to Colonia De Salud. He indicated that a new communications tower would be constructed in conjunction with the site and asked if the City regulates government owned communication towers. Mr. Pregler stated that the City does not typically regulate government owned communications towers because they provide a public safety benefit, unlike the commercial enterprises from carriers, and the local government agency typically receives grants to construct the towers of which aesthetic standards are not funded.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Miranda opened the meeting to the public. There being no response, Mr. Miranda closed the meeting to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearing
Resolution 1131, Amendments to Development Code Article 151.022.029, *Flood Hazard Zoning District*.

Mr. Grieshop made the motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion.

Mr. McLachlan gave the staff presentation. He stated that the proposed amendments are intended to bring the City's ordinance into alignment with the State model ordinance language and guidelines.

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VOTE: Unanimous to approve 4-0.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS, COMMISSION REQUESTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Grieshop requested that the new electronic message center sign language be distributed to Cochise College, Buena High School and Fort Huachuca in an attempt for their compliance. Mr. Jorgensen stated that City staff should contact businesses in the community and inform them of the incentives to replacing their existing light polluting free-standing signs to electronic message centers.

Mr. Grieshop requested that pictures of mixed-use development be presented at a future Commission meeting.

Mr. Grieshop stated that cellular service providers could possibly co-locate on the existing wind turbines on Fort Huachuca. Staff will follow-up with Fort Huachuca and the cellular service providers.

UPDATES ON PROJECTS

Mr. Pregler provided an update on the following projects:

Southwest Gas Site Plan (Industry Drive)- The project goes to DRC on November 20.

Updates to Sign Code-Due to the U.S. Supreme Court decision from Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Arizona amendments to the sign code are required. Signs are to be reclassified based on the type of sign (temporary, banner, ground, etc.) and not the use of the sign (real estate, open house, special event, etc).

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS:

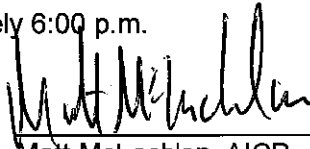
Councilmember Gray discussed the importance of economic development. She also stated that the budget process will be starting soon.

ADJOURNMENT

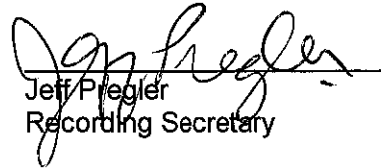
Mr. Miranda adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.



Ruben Miranda
Chair
Planning & Zoning Commission



Matt McLachlan, AICP
Executive Secretary
Planning & Zoning Commission



Jeff Pfeiler
Recording Secretary