

Gridley City Planning Commission – Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 8, 2016; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

“Our purpose is to continuously enhance our community’s vitality and overall quality of life. We are committed to providing high quality, cost-effective municipal services and forming productive partnerships with our residents and regional organizations. Working together, we develop, share, and are guided by a clear vision, values, and meaningful objectives.”

1. **CALL TO ORDER – At 6:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Wise called the meeting to order.**

2. **ROLL CALL**

Planning Commissioners

Present: Robert Wise
Mary Espino
Ishrat Aziz Khan
Shirley O’Brien

Arriving post roll call: None

Absent: Robert Thomas

Staff Present: Donna Decker, City Planner/Consultant
Elisa Arteaga, Recording Secretary

3. **COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM – *There was no audience in attendance.***

4. **CONSENT AGENDA -**

A. Planning Commission Minutes dated November 1, 2016

MOTION BY ESPINO, SECOND BY KHAN, for approval of the Planning Commission Minutes dated November 1, 2016 (with corrections).

By unanimous vote, the motion passed 4-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Introduction and review of the Climate Action Plan: A plan designed support the long term Greenhouse Gas Reduction efforts of the State of California

- 1) Receive staff report – Continued public hearing. Planning Consultant Donna Decker provided a brief update on the changes and suggested recommendations from the prior Planning Commission meeting. She announced City Council accepted and appreciated Planning Commission recommendations and corrections.
- 2) Hear public testimony – Vice Chairman Wise opened the public hearing.
- 3) Hear public testimony - There was no testimony or audience.
- 4) Close public hearing - Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.
- 5) Commission discussion – The Planning Commission reviewed Table 1 of the Climate Action Plan. She explained that the work is required to be completed by December 31, 2016 and after that date, the City will not have funding available to offset costs beyond this date.

Ms. Decker reviewed the amendments made to Table 1, providing a definition to the timing of the implementation measures as part of the Executive Summary. She explained the purpose of the Climate Action Plan/GHG Reduction Plan is to implement the policies that were adopted in the 2030 General Plan in 2010. She further reported that the State of California has also legislated that projects be evaluated relating to the environmental impact of greenhouse gas emissions through CEQA process and the City must comply with these reviews, implementation measures for the reduction of emissions needed to offset the CEQA mitigation measures for the project.

There was further Planning Commission discussion regarding the following: educational outreach and goals, solar percentage ranges use provided by City Electric Superintendent Daryl Dye, solar and solar farms, harvesting methane, adequate street lighting and City meeting standards, led lighting and pollution, population growth, population forecasts and benchmarks set by the State, leaf blowers being suggested and included in the educational information, and typographical errors suggested (by Planning Commissioner Espino).

MOTION BY O'BRIEN, SECOND BY ESPINO, to recommend the City Council adopt the Climate Action Plan/Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

Roll Call

Ayes: Wise, Espino, Khan, O'Brien Noes: None Abstain: None Motions passes 4-0

B. Introduction and first reading of Ordinance 822-2016: An ordinance amending various chapters of Title 17 of the Gridley Municipal Code.

- 1) Receive staff report – Planning Consultant Donna Decker announced that the City of Gridley received a grant from the California Department of Conservation, Sustainable Growth Council, 2011 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant. The amendments to the Title 17 will implement the 2030 General Plan and is one of the deliverables of the Grant funding.

Ms. Decker elaborated as to the proposed amendments as listed in the staff report and closed her staff report with recommendations that the Planning Commission introduce and adopt Ordinance 822-2016 and determine that the project is Categorically Exempt per the California Environmental Quality Act.

- 2) Open public hearing - Vice Chairman Wise opened the public hearing.
- 3) Hear public testimony - There was no testimony or audience.
- 4) Close public hearing - Vice Chairman closed the public hearing.
- 5) Commission discussion - There was discussion amongst Planning Commissioners regarding the amendments to chapter 17.02, 17.02.020 which clarifies the implementation of the code, 17.02.030 which removes entitlement provisions as it is a duplicate in the code and not necessary, 17.02.070 (a)(b) the need to list the responsible party as "City Administrator or his/her designee, Chapter 17.09 RE Residential Estates District which formally deletes zoning district, and chapter 17.33 Conditional Overlay Zone which was related to two properties in the City. There was further Planning Commission discussion relating to the five different zoning overlays and use permit application process.

MOTION BY ESPINO, SECOND BY KHAN, for approval of the following:

1. Determine the project is Categorically Exempt per the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15061(b)(3), Review for Exemption, General Rule; and,
2. Recommend the City Council introduce Ordinance 822-2016 and adopt by reading of title only.

Roll Call

Ayes: Wise, Espino, Khan, O'Brien Noes: None Abstain: None Motions passes 4-0

6. INFORMATIONAL – None

7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Planning Consultant, Donna Decker reviewed the dates for the November meetings. She reported there would be weekly meetings in order to meet grant project deadlines.

Vice Chairman Wise inquired on the status of the Daddow Park and if there would be bike racks installed in the park. He pointed out the importance of having bike racks located throughout the city. Ms. Decker reported the City will be working and inspecting the park and it is moving along. The park will be very nice once it is completed. As for bike racks, they anticipate more in the future as the City improves its streets, sidewalks and if there is funding.

Planning Commissioner, Shirley O'Brien announced she has a new email and confirmed with staff that they had received the correct email. Decker and Arteaga concurred.

8. ADJOURNMENT – at 7:15 p.m. the Planning Commission adjourned to the next special meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Approval:

Donna Decker, City Planner/Consultant, DES LLC