City of Newport Planning Commission Regular Session Minutes May 13, 2024

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY NEWPORT Time Start: 7:00 P.M. Time End: 7:36 P.M.

ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL

COMMISSIONER/ ADVISORY MEMBER	STAFF
Chair Bill Branigan	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Commissioner Bob Berman	Sherri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Commissioner Jim Hanselman	
Commissioner Gary East	PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT
Commissioner Braulio Escobar	Todd and Paula Haglund
Commissioner John Updike	

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
REGULAR MEETING	
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	
a. Roll Call	None.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	
Meeting minutes of Regular Session Meeting on April 22, 2024	Motion by Berman, seconded by Updike, to approve the work session meeting minutes of April 22, 2024 with minor correction. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.
CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
ACTION ITEMS	
File No. 1-VAR-24: Final Order and Findings of Fact for the Harbor Freight Sign Variance.	Motion by Berman, seconded by East, to approve File No. 1-VAR-24: Final Order and Findings of Fact for the Harbor Freight Sign Variance. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.
PUBLIC HEARING	
File No. 2-VAR-24: Variance to Allow the Construction of an Addition to an Existing Single-family Dwelling With a 5-foot Setback.	
a. PUBLIC HEARING OPEN	7:06 p.m.
b. STAFF REPORT - DERRICK TOKOS	Berman reported a site visit.
	Tokos reviewed the staff report.

Applicants Todd and Paula Haglund (Newport) stated they agreed with the staff report and asked that the 5-foot setback be granted. Berman asked if the variance would make it easier for them to stay in their home. Haglund confirmed it would allow them to stay in place and allow them to live on one level of the home. Berman thought this was a good reason to prove there was a hardship.

Hanselman asked if the applicants were okay with the conditions that were suggested on the staff report. Haglund stated he was. Hanselman agreed that mobility was a hardship for people when they aged.

None.

7:21 p.m.

Updike thought it was a unique circumstance and a hardship. He didn't have a problem with proposal. East agreed with Updike and stated he didn't have a problem with the addition. Berman agreed. Hanselman was in support of the request. Branigan identified with needing living quarters on one level and was in support of the request.

Motion was made by Berman, seconded by East, to approve File No. 2-VAR-24 with conditions. Motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

June 10th will be the Final Order and Findings. Work through the building permit process while we wait.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

c. PUBLIC COMMENT

d. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

e. COMMISSION DECISION

Tokos gave an update on the Bayfront parking program implementation. He reported on the number of transactions to date; service problems; issues with Text to Park advance pay; requests for more signs; sign heights; assisting the public to purchase permits; enforcement warnings; fielding calls from the public who didn't like the parking program; the average stay of vehicles; and the public's frustration that permits didn't guarantee parking spaces.

Submitted by:

Sherri Marineau, Executive Assistant