

MINUTES
City of Newport Planning Commission
Regular Session
Newport City Hall Council Chambers
August 14, 2023

Planning Commissioners Present: Bill Branigan, Jim Hanselman, John Updike, Bob Berman, Braulio Escobar, Gary East and Marjorie Blom (*by video*).

City Staff Present: Community Development Director (CDD), Derrick Tokos; and Executive Assistant, Sherri Marineau.

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call.** Chair Branigan called the meeting to order in the City Hall Council Chambers at 7:02 p.m. On roll call, Commissioners Branigan, Berman, Escobar, Hanselman, East, Updike, and Blom were present.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

Berman reported minor corrections to the minutes.

A. **Approval of the Planning Commission Work Session Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner Escobar to approve the Planning Commission Work Session meeting minutes of July 24, 2023, with minor corrections. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

B. **Approval of the Planning Commission Regular Session Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner Escobar to approve the Planning Commission Regular Session meeting minutes of July 24, 2023, with minor corrections. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

3. **Citizen/Public Comment.** None were heard.

4. **Action Items.**

A. **Initiate Legislative Amendments to NMC Chapter 14.14, Parking and Loading Requirements.**

MOTION was made by Commissioner Berman, seconded by Commissioner East to initiate the Legislative Amendments to NMC Chapter 14.14, Parking and Loading Requirements as presented at the work session. The motion carried unanimously in a voice vote.

5. **Public Hearings.** None were heard.

6. **New Business.** None were heard.

7. **Unfinished Business.** None were heard.

8. **Director Comments.** Tokos shared that the application for the OSU student housing project had been received and the hearing would be held on September 11th. The Commission would also receive land use training on October 9th from Brett Estes, the DLCD North Coast Regional Representative. This would be conducted in a work session. If they didn't have anything on the regular agenda that night, they would do a long work session that would last around 1.5 hours. If there was a light regular session meeting, they might start it at 7:30 p.m.

Hanselman asked to add to the record that people at the Farmers Market were expressing concerns about putting in a couplet. They were aware that the city was planning on talking to the leaders in the community about what to do with the couplet and try to come to a consensus. Laurie Sanders with the Farmers Market expressed that she was interested in being a part of the list of people who were interested in serving on the committee. Francis O'Halloran, a vendor at the market was also interested. Hanselman also noted that Eric, the president of the Farmers Market, wanted the Commission to know that there were interested people at the Farmers Market who would like to serve in any discussions involved with the couplet. Tokos reported that both Laurie and Eric had reached out to him as well. He noted the advisory committee would be put together soon, and they were waiting on the agreement with ODOT. Tokos explained that as part of the Transportation System Plan project, the Farmers Market expressed their concerns that they would lose their location on US 101. The City Council was clear that if whatever solution they came up with, even if it involved changes to the market, that there would be a permanent, suitable, and good location for the market. Berman stated that he was interested in serving as the Commission representative on the committee. Tokos reported there would be no more than 18 people on committee. Escobar pointed out that the existing tenants would have an interest in what happened and thought the city would want to make sure there was a broad based committee, as opposed to any that was stacked. Tokos reiterated that the Council wanted this to be a well-rounded group. He thought the biggest issue, and what would be solved through this process, would be to address the unanswered questions up to this point. This was going to be an opportunity to address very specific issues that people raised.

9. **Adjournment.** Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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