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AGENDA
KERMAN PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Kerman City Hall
Monday, January 11, 2016
6:30 PM

Chairman Robert Epperson, Vice-Chairman Kevin Nehring
Commissioners Robert Bandy, Leopoldo Espino, Charlie Jones, Mario Nunez, Katie Wettlaufer

ALL MEETING ATTENDEES ARE ADVISED THAT ALL PAGERS, CELLULAR TELEPHONES AND ANY OTHER COMMUNICATION
DEVICES SHOULD BE POWERED OFF UPON ENTERING THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
AS THESE DEVICES INTERFERE WITH OUR AUDIO EQUIPMENT.

OPENING CEREMONIES
Call to Order – Chairman, Robert D. Epperson
Roll Call – Secretary, Olivia Pimentel
Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA APPROVAL/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

1. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduce and welcome back new and returning Planning Commissioners for a three year terms starting January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018. Returning Robert Epperson and Kevin Nehring and New to the Commission Mr. Leopoldo Espino.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

This portion of the meeting is reserved for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are not on the Agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Speakers shall be limited to (3) three minutes. It is requested that no comments be made during this period on items on the Agenda. Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on items on the Agenda should notify the Chairman when that Agenda item is called, and the Chairman will recognize your discussion at that time. It should be noted that the Commission is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda. Speakers are asked to please use the microphone, and provide their name and address.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 14, 2015
3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Resolution recommending that the City Council adopt amendment to section 17.92.030 of Title 17 of the Kerman Municipal Code Relating to Transitional and Supportive Housing Zones

Commission by motion, open public hearing, receive public comment, close public hearing and approve resolution to recommend that the City Council adopt amendment to section 17.92.030 of Title 17 of the Kerman Municipal Code Relating to Transitional and Supportive Housing Zones

4. PETITIONS/RESOLUTIONS

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

In compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate at this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at (559) 846-9380. Notification of 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City Clerk to make reasonable arrangement to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Pursuant to the ADA, the meeting room is accessible to the physically handicapped.

AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION

I, OLIVIA G. PIMENTEL, Planning Secretary for the City of Kerman, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury that I caused the above agenda to be posted at City of Kerman Planning & Development office at 850 So. Madera Avenue, and at Kerman Community/Teen Center, 15100 Kearney Plaza, and emailed to interested parties on Wednesday January 6, 2016

/s/ Olivia G. Pimentel
Secretary to the Planning Commission
MINUTES
KERMAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Kerman City Hall
Monday, December 14, 2015. 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order – Chairman, Robert D. Epperson called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call – Secretary, Olivia Pimentel

Commissioners Present (7): Epperson, Nehring, Bandy, Jones, Kehler, Nunez, Wettlaufer
Commissioners Absent (0)

Pledge of Allegiance: Performed

AGENDA APPROVAL/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS: Agenda unanimously approved as presented.

1. PRESENTATIONS: None Offered

REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION - None Offered

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   A. Minutes of November 9, 2015. C/Jones made a motion to approve as presented, second C/Nehring. Unanimously approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - None Offered

4. PETITIONS/RESOLUTIONS
   A. Petition of Amendment to Section 17.92.030 of Title 17 of the Kerman Municipal Code Relating to Transitional and Supportive Housing - Zones and Setting of Public Hearing

Planning Commission by motion set a public hearing for January 11, 2016 to consider a resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an amendment to section 17.92.030 of the Kerman Municipal Code relating to transitional and supportive housing zones in accordance with Petition of Amendment to Zoning Ordinance filed by City Planner.

Staff reviewed the request to amend the zoning ordinance. Early in the year the Planning Commission and City Council considered and adopted an Ordinance 15-01, relating to Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Supportive Housing, to comply with the Housing Element Update. In reviewing the amendments staff was notified by the consultants assisting with the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element that there was an inconsistency in section 17.92.030 Transitional and Supportive Housing – Zones that needed to be updated to be allowed in all “residential zones that allow residential uses, subject only to those requirements and restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone” in order to comply with state law. The City’s adopted ordinance allowed these uses in “multi-family” zones only, that was considered restrictive and therefore not consistent with state law and would hinder the certification of the Housing Element. There was brief discussion and the Commission by motion unanimously concurred with staff’s request to amend section 17.92.030 and set a public hearing for January 11, 2016

Yes: Epperson, Bandy, Nehring, Kehler, Wettlaufer, Jones, Nunez
Noes: None
5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS  - None Offered

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Staff Reminded Commission: City Council to appoint three (3) Planning Commissioners for three (3) year terms on Wednesday December 16, 2015. Applicants were encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNMENT  Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

/s/ Olivia G. Pimentel
Secretary to the Planning Commission
To: Kerman Planning Commission  
From: Olivia Pimentel, Planning Technician  
Subject: Public Hearing for Proposed Revisions to Section 17.92.030 of the Kerman Municipal Code Relating to Transitional and Supportive Housing Zones  

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Planning Commission by motion open public hearing, receive public comments, close public hearing and approve resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an amendment to section 17.92.030 of the Kerman Municipal Code relating to transitional and supportive housing zones.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Planning Staff filed a petition of amendment with the Planning Commission on December 14, 2015 to request that a public hearing be scheduled for January 11, 2016 in order to make some minor revisions to a recent zone ordinance amendment that was approved earlier in the year. As previously reported, the Planning Commission and City Council considered and approved Ordinance No. 15-01 regarding various Code Amendments to comply with SB2’s requirements relating to Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Supportive Housing, and to ensure the City will comply with the Housing Element Update. The Code Amendments adopted as part of Ordinance 15-01 are now codified in the Kerman Municipal Code.

In reviewing the amendments made as part of Ordinance 15-01, the project manager of Mintier Harnish, the City of Kerman’s consultants who are preparing the multijurisdictional housing element, notified staff that there is an inconsistency in the City's treatment of transitional and supportive housing that will need to be corrected. The definitions for transitional housing and supportive housing that the City adopted are correct and comply with State law because they include the statement that these uses are "residential uses allowed in all zones that allow residential uses, subject only to those requirements and restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone."

However, Section 17.92.030 Transitional and Supportive Housing – Zones, says "Transitional housing and supportive housing shall be considered a residential use of property in the multifamily zone district, and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone." (emphasis added)
The restriction to only the multifamily zone district is inconsistent with State law requirements. The original version of the code amendments that were part of Ordinance No. 15-01 somehow got changed along the way. However and unfortunately we were notified that this will need to be fixed in order for HCD to certify the City's Housing Element.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

Pursuant to Section 17.26.020 of the Kerman Municipal Code, an amendment to the Kerman Zoning Ordinance may be initiated by the Planning Director with the Planning Commission to recommend to the City Council approval, conditional approval or denial of an amendment. Following action by the Planning Commission, staff will prepare a report and present the Commissions’ recommendation to the City Council for final action.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Staff was assured that the City would be fine as long as this inconsistency is cleared in the next couple of months. The issue is that HCD will not certify the City’s Housing Element as in compliance with State law until the City has implemented the code amendments for emergency shelters and transitional and supportive housing. The City will be submitting the Housing Element to HCD for certification in mid-March.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Staff is requesting that the Planning Commission open public hearing, receive public comments, close public hearing and consider a resolution recommending that the City Council Adopt an amendment to Kerman Municipal Code Section 17.92.030 Transitional and Supportive Housing-Zones to read as follows:

Section 17.92.030 Transitional and Supportive Housing – Zones, Transitional housing and supportive housing shall be considered a residential use of property allowed in all zones that allow residential uses, and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION:

Attachments

A. Planning Commission Resolution 16-xx
B. CC Ordinance
RESOLUTION NO. 16-
BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF KERMAN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AMENDMENT TO SECTION 17.92.030 OF TITLE 17, RELATING TO TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING-ZONES OF THE KERMAN MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Kerman (the “Planning Commission”) duly called and held on January 11, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., it was moved by Commission member _________________ second by Commission member __________________ and carried that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2015 the Planning Commission has initiated a zoning ordinance amendment to Title 17 of the Kerman Municipal Code amending chapter 17.90.030 relating to transitional and supportive housing -zones as set forth in Exhibit ‘A’, attached hereto and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission pursuant to Chapter 17.26 regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Section 17.26.030 has scheduled a public hearing for January 11, 2016, to consider the zoning ordinance amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has determined that the proposed amendment is statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15282(i) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission recommends that the City Council adopts Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 16-__ relating to transitional, and supportive housing - zones for the homeless.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Commission, after considering all the evidence presented, determined the following findings were relevant in evaluating this project:

1. The proposed zoning ordinance amendments are consistent and compatible with other goals, policies and implementation programs set forth in the General Plan.

2. That the proposed zoning ordinance amendments will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or materially injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity.

3. The proposed zoning amendments have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the California Environmental Quality Act.

4. That the proposed zoning amendments comply with State housing law as outlined in Senate Bill 2.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Kerman Planning Commission held on this 11th day of January, 2016, by the following vote.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED BY:

______________________________ ______________________
Robert D. Epperson, Chairperson Date

______________________________ ______________________
Olivia Pimentel, Secretary Date
Exhibit “A”

ORDINANCE NO. 16-__

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN AMENDING SECTION 17.92.030 OF TITLE 17 OF THE KERMAN MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ZONES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 17.92.030 of Title 17, Chapter 17.92 of the Kerman Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

17.92.030 Transitional and Supportive Housing—Zones.

Transitional housing and supportive housing shall be considered a residential use of property allowed in all zones that allow residential uses, and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) and the State CEQA Guidelines, the adoption of this ordinance is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations section 15-61(b)(3), and a Notice of Exemption will be filed with the County Recorder upon adoption of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after adoption.

SECTION 4. Upon passage, this ordinance or a summary of the same shall be published within fifteen (15) days of passage pursuant to the laws of the State of California in the Kerman News, a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in said City of Kerman.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced and given its first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Kerman held on the ___ day of __________, and was passed after a second reading and noticed public hearing held pursuant to law at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Kerman on the ___ day of __________, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

______________________________
Stephen Hill
Mayor

ATTEST:

______________________________
Marci Reyes
City Clerk