



MINUTES PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING April 2, 2024

The meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Darrin MROZ (Chair)
Rebecca POLLACK-RUDE (Vice Chair)
Paul CIRCO
Anthony SOTTILE
Shannon EDISON

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: NONE

STAFF PRESENT: Noah ALVEY, Deputy Director of Community Development
Mario SANCHEZ, Deputy Director of Public Works
Barbara LUCK, Staff Attorney
Laura JUSZAK, Administrative Secretary

Chair MROZ opened the Planning Commission meeting explaining the rules of conduct.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Agenda Item:	1
	Planning Commission minutes of February 20, 2024

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by POLLACK-RUDE, to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes; motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:

Agenda Item:	2
Project Name:	Zoning Code Update
Request:	Zoning Code Amendment
CEQA Recommendation:	Exempt
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL
Project Number(s):	Zoning Code Amendment No. ZCA-2024-0001
Location:	Citywide
Applicant:	City of El Cajon
Project Planner:	Noah Alvey; 619-441-1795; nalvey@elcajon.gov
City Council Hearing Required?	Yes May 14, 2024
Recommended Actions:	1. Conduct the public hearing; and 2. MOVE to adopt the next resolution in order recommending City Council approval of the proposed Zoning Code Amendment No. ZCA No. 2024-0001.

ALVEY summarized the staff report through a PowerPoint presentation.

COMMISSIONERS asked questions with ALVEY providing answers.

MROZ opened the public hearing.

Gina AUSTIN, with Association of Licensed Cannabis Operators, spoke in support of adding intoxicating hemp prohibition to the zoning code update.

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by CIRCO, to close the public hearing; motion carried 5-0.

COMMISSIONERS discussed the item.

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by SOTTILE, to adopt the next resolution in order recommending City Council approval of Zoning Code Amendment No. ZCA-2024-0001, striking the requirement that new swimming pools be equipped with a cover, instead asking staff to inform applicants of the advantages of pool covers, and expanding the definition for intoxicating hemp; motion carried 5-0.

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

Agenda Item:	3
Project Name:	2023 Housing Bills Update
Request:	Informational Only
CEQA Recommendation:	Exempt
STAFF RECOMMENDATION:	Accept Report
Project Number(s):	N/A
Location:	N/A
Applicant:	N/A
Project Planner:	Anthony Shute, Director of Community Development
City Council Hearing Required?	No
Recommended Actions:	1. None

ALVEY summarized the report through a PowerPoint presentation.

COMMISSIONERS asked questions with ALVEY providing answers.

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by MROZ, to elect Rebecca POLLACK-RUDE to Chair; motion carried 5-0

Motion was made by MROZ, seconded by SOTTILE, to elect CIRCO to Vice Chair; motion carried 5-0.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no STAFF reports or comments.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS:

There were no COMMISSIONER reports or comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by CIRCO, seconded by POLLACK-RUDE, to adjourn the meeting of the El Cajon Planning Commission at 8:15 p.m. this 2nd day of April, 2024, until 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2024; motion carried 5-0.



Darrin MROZ, Chair

ATTEST:



Noah ALVEY, Secretary