

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 1:30 P.M.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION NORTH BUILDING
400 W. Civic Center Dr, Multipurpose Room 101
Santa Ana, California 92701

JOHN KOOS
COMMISSIONER
Fourth District

MARIA CEJA
COMMISSIONER
Second District

DAVID E. BARTLETT
COMMISSIONER
Fifth District



TRUNG "JOE" HA
COMMISSIONER
First District

KEVIN RICE
COMMISSIONER
Third District

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Ha, Ceja, Rice, Koos, & Bartlett

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE OFFICER Justin Kirk
COUNTY COUNSEL Nicole Walsh
SECRETARY Bellinda Erikson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Bartlett, Fifth District Commissioner, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. CONSENT ITEM – MINUTES

ITEM #1 ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR 2024

The following is the action taken by the Orange County Planning Commission:

MOTION #1

The first motion for Item #1 was made by Commissioner Ha and seconded by Commissioner Rice to nominate Commissioner Bartlett as Chairman and was carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVE OTHER
DENIED

UNANIMOUS (1) Ha: Y (2) Ceja: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Koos: Y (5) Bartlett: Y
Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

MOTION #2

The second motion for Item #1 was made by Commissioner Rice and seconded by Commissioner Koos to nominate Commissioner Ha as Vice-Chair and was carried by a unanimous vote.

APPROVE
DENIED

OTHER

UNANIMOUS (1) Ha: Y (2) Ceja: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Koos: Y (5) Bartlett: Y
Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused

ITEM #2

Commissioner Ha, seconded by Commissioner Bartlett, made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13, 2023, and the motion was approved 4:0, with Commissioner Koos abstaining.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM #1 PUBLIC MEETING – INITIATION OF COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE (GPA 24-01), ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS.

Staff is requesting authorization to initiate a comprehensive general plan update to revise all elements of the county general plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

OC Development Services/Planning recommends the Planning Commission:

1. Receive staff report and public testimony;
2. Authorize staff to initiate Comprehensive General Plan Update (GPA 24-01) to revise all elements of the County General Plan.

Special Notes:

Cindy Salazar, Land Use Manager and Yuritzzy Randle, Associate Planner, provided the presentation and answered questions from the Planning Commission.

During the public comment period one member of the public provided comments on this item.

The following is the action taken by the Orange County Planning Commission:

The motion for Item #1 was made by Commissioner Ha to approve as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ceja. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APPROVE (1) Ha: Y (2) Ceja: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Perez: Y (5) Bartlett: Y
Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused
OTHER
DENIED
UNANIMOUS

ITEM #2 PUBLIC MEETING – INITIATION OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT LU 24-01 (LAND USE ELEMENT), ZONING CODE AMENDMENT CA 24-01 (MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS), AND ZONE CHANGE ZC 24-01 (SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SITES), ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS.

Staff is requesting authorization to initiate a General Plan Amendment to the Land Use Element, Zoning Code Amendment to revise existing multifamily development standards, and Zone Change on specific commercial and residential parcels to ensure compliance with existing State housing law, recent State mandates related to housing, and the County’s Housing Element.

Recommended Action(s):

1. Receive staff report and public testimony;
2. Authorize staff to initiate General Plan Amendment LU 24-01 (Land Use Element) to revise sections regarding housing to ensure compliance with existing State housing law, recent State mandates related to housing, and the County’s Housing Element;
3. Authorize staff to initiate Zoning Code Amendment CA 24-01 (Multifamily development standards).
4. Authorize staff to initiate Zone Change ZC 24-01 (Specific Commercial and Residential Parcels).

Special Notes:

Cindy Salazar, Land Use Manager and Yuritz Randle, Associate Planner, provided the presentation and answered questions from the Planning Commission.

The motion for Item #2 was made by Commissioner Ceja to approve as recommended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ha. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

APPROVE (1) Ha: Y (2) Ceja: Y (3) Rice: Y (4) Perez: Y (5) Bartlett: Y
 Vote Key: Y=Yes; N=No; A=Abstain; X=Excused
 OTHER
 DENIED
 UNANIMOUS

III. EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

- Justin Kirk, Executive Officer gave an update on the fee study, indicating it was reviewed and approved by the OC Public Works Director. With the fee study going before the Board of Supervisors in April 2024.
- Staffing update: The position of the Admin I in Planning was filled.
- Next PC item on March 13, 2024

IV. COUNTY COUNSEL UPDATE

- The appeal on the Ecology Center was moved from February 5 to February 27, 2024.

- The Ranch Hills case is currently in litigation.

V. PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Commissioner Bartlett – Welcomed Commissioner Koos and asked for a brief introduction.
- Commissioner Koos – Gave a brief overview and work history of himself.
- Commissioner Ceja – Thanked OC Public Works staff for their hard work. Wished everyone Happy Valentine’s Day, Black History month and Happy Lunar year.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- **Planning Commission meeting adjourned at 2:22pm**