

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF MCFARLAND
Date: January 21, 2020
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jose Hernandez at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Vice-Chairman Jose Hernandez, Commissioner Lettie Blanchard Commissioner Marco Martinez and Commissioner Rudy Nuñez were present.

Staff Present: City Planner, Alexander Lee

Pledge of Allegiance – Vice-Chairman Jose Hernandez

Invocation – Commissioner Lettie Blanchard

Public Comments

None

Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Blanchard, seconded by Commissioner Nuñez, all in favor, planning commissioners approved the minutes held on December 17, 2019.

Administrative Items:

None

Public Hearings:

- 1) Discussion of the new Commercial Residential Mixed Use (CRMU) Zoning Ordinance.
 - a. The proposed ordinance is to create opportunities within the City to provide for a compatible mix of land uses, including residential, retail, and offices. The Commercial Residential Mixed Use (CRMU) Zoning District allows properties to be developed with a mix of commercial retail, office and residential uses. The allowable residential density ranges from twenty (20) to thirty – five (35) dwelling units per acre. The CRMU zoning district is consistent with the mixed use land use designation of the General Plan.
 - b. The City of McFarland Planning Commission to consider a proposed Pre-Zoning project related to the proposed annexation of 2200 acres generally bound by the north by the City's limit, on the west by Garzoli Ave, to the south by Whisler Road and to the east by Driver Road.

Presentation given by City Planner Alexander Lee and Ron Brummett.

Ron Brummett summarized the benefits of having a Mixed - Use Zoning Ordinance in the City of McFarland.

- 2) The Geo Group, Inc. as owner of the Facilities has requested amendments to its CUP No. 01-96 and 02-96 as amended
 - a. This is a presentation to inform the Commission and the public of the applications and to assist staff in its processing of the applications by taking public testimony regarding the proposals to amend Conditional Use Permit No.01-96 to allow the **Golden State Modified Community Correctional Facility Located at 611 Frontage Road** and Conditional Use Permit No. 02-96 to allow the **Central Valley Modified Community Correctional Facility located at 254 Taylor Avenue**, to be repurposed to house federal inmates and detainees, male and/or female. No action will be taken on the applications at this meeting. This public hearing of the Planning Commission is intended to comply with the provisions of California Civil Code Section 1670.9(d) which requires the city to solicit public comments on the proposals in at least two separate public meetings.

Presentation from GEO Group to Commissioners to clarification of GEO Group application & purpose for request on CUP.

GEO Speakers

1st Donoran Collier

2nd David Venturella

Break – Motioned to take break at 6:24 p.m. restarted at 6:37.

Richard Rodriguez sworn in as translator by city attorney.

Opened Public Hearing for GEO CUP amend request.

Clarification by Mr. Hernandez that it is only a public hearing for comments

37 Request to speak submitted

32 spoke to the public

5 no shown – Repeated names through speaker 3 times, but did not step up to speak.

Donna Jones – support GEO, gave me a job opportunity to care my family.

John Prentyce – support GEO, the City of McFarland and GEO Group has strong relationship to grow together.

Arnylfo Gomez – support GEO, game me a job opportunity to care my family.

Valerie J. Mility – support GEO, I enjoyed work for GEO and I like to keep working for GEO.

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City Planner Update:

Alexander Lee, City Planner notified the Planning Commissioners on the upcoming events that will be taken place in the city.

Comments from the Planning Commissioners:

With no comments from other Planning Commissioners, Commissioner Rudy Nuñez thanked the GEO Group to attend the Planning Commission meeting.

Vice-Chairman Jose Hernandez thanked the members and staff.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Rudy Nuñez, seconded by Commissioner Marco Martinez, all in favor, Vice-Chairman Jose Hernandez adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.