

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF MCFARLAND

Date: February 18, 2020

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

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

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

Staff Present: Alexander Lee, City Planner and Maria Lara, Community Development Director

Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Jose Hernandez

Invocation – Chairman Jose Hernandez

Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Nuñez, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, all in favor, planning commissioners approved the minutes held on January 21, 2020.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter **NOT** on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to two (2) minutes. Please state your name and address for the record before making presentation.

No action or discussion shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda, except that any Planning Commissioner may briefly respond to statements made, or questions posed, by members of the public. Concerns or complaints will be referred to the Community Development Director's office.

Administrative Items:

- 1) Report of Nominating Committee: Report of nominating committee for Planning Commission Officers for Calendar Year 2020

Nomination by Hernandez, Nuñez became a Vice-Chairman.
All in favor and none opposition.

CONSENT AGENDA (CA): These are items scheduled before the Planning Commission which are being recommended for approval by the staff and the applicant has been informed of any special conditions and has no objections. The hearing on these items may be expedited if no member of the Commission or audience wishes to comment or ask questions on the case.

- NONE

Public Hearings:

Presentation given by Maria Lara, Community Development Director.

- 1) **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 01-96:** A modification to Conditional Use Permit 01-96, to allow the Golden State Modified Community Correctional Facility located at 611 Frontage Road, to be repurposed to house federal inmates and detainees, adult male and or female.
 - a. Take public testimony and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2020-03-PC approving amending Conditional Use Permit No. 01-96. – **STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (ATTACHMENT A) AND ADOPT SUGGESTED FINDINGS AS SET FORTH IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION**

Presentation given by Donoran Collier and David Venterrella.

Motion by Chairman Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, Opposition by Vice – Chairman Nuñez and Commissioner Cano. The Conditional Use Permit No. 01-96 motion fails.

Vote: 2-2

Ayes: Hernandez, Martinez

Nays: Nuñez, Cano

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- 2) **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 02-96:** A modification to Conditional Use Permit 02-96, to allow the Central Valley Medium Custody Community Correctional Facility located at 254 Taylor Avenue, to be repurposed to house federal inmates and detainees, adult male and or female.
 - a. Take public testimony and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 2020-04-PC approving amending Conditional Use Permit No. 02-96. – **STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL (ATTACHMENT A) AND ADOPT SUGGESTED FINDINGS AS SET FORTH IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTION**

Presentation given by Donoran Collier and David Venterrella.

Motion by Chairman Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, Opposition by Vice – Chairman Nuñez and Commissioner Cano. The Conditional Use Permit No. 02-96 motion fails.

Vote: 2-2

Ayes: Hernandez, Martinez

Nays: Nuñez, Cano

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Presentation given by Maria Lara, Community Development Director.

Opened Public Hearing for GEO CUP amend request.

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

67 Request to speak submitted

56 spoke to the public

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

Kathryn M Woods – Support GEO, We need GEO Group's support.

Marnae Hayes – Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they gave me job opportunity to take care my family.

Reguna Duran – Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they changed my life and gave me a job opportunity to take care my family.

Mark Fennctiz - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they changed my life and gave me a job opportunity to take care my family.

Sandry Valenciano- Not Support GEO, according to SB29 this conditional use permit would not validate state law.

Rosa Lopez - Not Support GEO, regarding SB29 this conditional use permit would not validate state law.

Juan Prieto – Not Support GEO, the detention center in McFarland was not good enough to support prisoner.

Maria Trojollo - Not Support GEO, the detention center in McFarland was not good enough to support prisoner.

Silvia Garcia – Not Support GEO, I would like to save my community from GEO group.

Georgina Diaz - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they changed my life and gave me a job opportunity to take care my family.

Maria Figueroa- Not Support GEO, I would like to save my community from GEO group.

Esmeralda Gonzalez – Not Support GEO.

Thomas Soto – Support GEO, GEO group will help McFarland’s economic and reestablish foundations.

Julie Solis – Not Support GEO, We need to take care our children from the ICE Detainee center.

Cynthia Johnston – Not Support GEO, the detention center in McFarland was not good enough to support prisoner.

Stefani Davalos – Not Support GEO, we do not want to live in a fear.

Donna Jones - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they changed my life and gave me job opportunity to take care my family.

Sister Meerie Frceacis - Not Support Geo, each human has own identity.

Break – Motioned to take break at 8:01 p.m. restarted at 8:20 pm

Marimae Lavallee - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they gave me a job opportunity to take care my family and provided good benefits to employees.

Arnulfo Gomez - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they gave me a job opportunity to take care my family and provided education tuition.

Jose Seruin – Not Support GEO, according to SB29 this conditional use permit would not validate state law.

Esteban Davalos - Not Support GEO, I would like to save my community from GEO group.

Heriberto Abmsis - Not Support GEO, I would like to save my community from GEO group.

C.B Cason - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they gave me a job opportunity to take care my family and provided good benefits to employees.

Erica Velasquez – Not Support GEO, GEO group is running business just for their economic benefits.

Raul Chavez - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they gave me a job opportunity to take care my family and provided good benefits to employees.

John Prentice - Support GEO, GEO group is good partner with the City of McFarland for long time to support the City’s economic growth.

Sabrina Aguilar - Not Support GEO, the detention center in McFarland was not good enough to support prisoner.

Eddy Laine - Not Support GEO, the detention center in McFarland was not good enough to support prisoner.

Jose Bello - Not Support GEO, the detention center in McFarland was not good enough to support prisoner.

Gonzalo Santos - Not Support GEO, the detention center in McFarland was not good enough to support prisoner.

Charles Shawver - Not Support GEO, GEO group is running business just for their economic benefits.

Daniel Arellano - Not Support GEO, I would like to save my community from GEO group.

Javie Lopez - Not Support GEO, the City of McFarland able to find out better alternative ways to get economic growth.

Danielle Moreland - Not Support GEO, We need to take care our children from the ICE Detainee center.

Perla Estrada - Not Support GEO, GEO group is running business just for their economic benefits.

Noe Carpio - Not Support GEO, we do not want to live in a fear.

Jose Galuem - Not Support GEO, the City of McFarland able to find out better alternative ways to get economic growth.

Char Campos - Not Support GEO, we do not want to live in a fear because of GEO.

Veronica Trujillo - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they gave me a job opportunity to take care my family and provided good benefits to employees.

Manuel Morales, JR. - Not Support GEO, the City of McFarland able to find out better alternative ways to get economic growth.

Insidro Ontireros - Not Support GEO, the City of McFarland able to find out better alternative ways to get economic growth.

Caroline Sanchez – Not Support GEO, the City of McFarland able to find out better alternative ways to get economic growth.

Maria Barro - Not Support GEO, the detention center in McFarland was not good enough to support prisoner.

Brian Sykes - Support GEO, I worked for GEO and they gave me a job opportunity to take care my family and provided medical support.

Public comments ended at 9:45 p.m.

Comments from the Planning Commissioners:

With no comments from other Planning Commissioners,

Vice – Chairman Rudy Nuñez thanked the GEO Group to attend the Planning Commission meeting and it was hard decision.

Chairman Jose Hernandez thanked the members and city staff.

Adjournment

Motion by Chairman Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Marco Martinez to adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.