

CITY OF SOMERTON

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 20th 2020

Call to Order:

Chairman Daniel Flores, 6:00PM

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Flores, Vice Chairman Rice, Commissioner Rangel, Commissioner Zendejas (via Zoom), Commissioner Magaña (via Zoom)

Absent: None

Staff Present

Carmen Juarez, Community Development Director
Saul Albor, Planner II

Pledge of Allegiance: Read in Unison

Approval of Minutes: From December 16th, 2019 meeting. Minutes Approved without corrections. Motion to approve minutes moved by Vice Chair Rice, 2nd by Commissioner Rangel. Motion Passed 5-0

Call to the Public: No public comments were presented.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ALL ITEMS ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NO. PLN120-00002

Request by Liliana Uribe on behalf of Precious Treasures Mission to allow the operation of a Day Care Center to be located at 115 N. Columbia Avenue in the Main Street Corridor-Mixed Use (MSC) Zoning District.

Saul Albor of the Community Development Department presented this item. Mr. Albor delivered his staff report and provided project information to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mr. Albor proceeded to present the staff report and exhibits. After completing the presentation of the exhibits, Vice Chairman Rice questioned the purpose of the Conditions of Approval which placed a 2 year expiration on the Conditional Use Permit if the applicant failed to proceed with the project. Mr. Albor explained that the condition was becoming a standard condition imposed by the City of Somerton to ensure that projects don't sit dormant indefinitely. Ms. Juarez, Community Development Director Also chimed in on this Condition and explained that there are case precedents in which a Conditional Use Permit is granted only to have the applicant fail to proceed and the permit remains active indefinitely.

After concluding the presentation, Mr. Albor affirmed that staff considered the project compatible with all the general plan elements and surrounding land uses. Mr. Albor recommended that the planning and zoning commission recommend to the City Council to approve PLN20-00002 subject to the conditions found in Exhibit A.

Motion: Recommend Approval of PLN19-00014 with Conditions listed in Exhibit A to the Somerton City Council

Moved: Vice Chair Rice
2nd: Commissioner Rangel

Vote: 5-0, Motion Carried

2. PRESENTATION ON CURRENT 2020 GENERAL PLAN UPDATE DRAFT

Michael Baker International, a consulting firm hired to assist in this process will be presenting an update on the process and discussing the goal and policies of the 2020 General Plan Update, and recommended edits to the current draft. A list of the recommended edits can be found on the Planning & Zoning Commission Memo dated 4/17/2020 which is included with this agenda.

City of Somerton Consutant Matthew Klyszeiko of the firm Michael Baker International presented this item to the planning and zoning commission remotely via Zoom. Mr. Klyszeiko gave an update on 2020 General Plan process and what steps remained going forward. Mr. Klyszeiko touched on some recommended edits to the land use map and other changes to certain sections of the plan before drafting the final version which would be presented to the City Council the following month.

The commissioners expressed approval of the proposed plan and some offered general comments of consent. Mr. Klyszeiko concluded his presentation.

Motion: Recommend Approval of the 2020 General Plan Update to the Somerton City Council

Moved: Commissioner Rangel
2nd: Vice Chair Rice

Vote: 5-0, Motion Carried

Summary of Current Events:

Presented by Carmen Juarez, Community Development Director.

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Somerton Planning and Zoning Commission will be held on May 18th, 2020 at 6:00PM.

Adjournment:

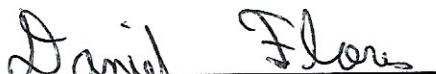
Motion: Adjourn Meeting

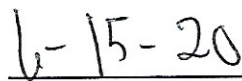
Moved: Commissioner Rangel
2nd: Vice Chair Rice

Vote: 5-0, Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned: 7:33 PM

A full video recording of this meeting is available for viewing online at
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63QEwgrN-SU>


Chairman


Date