



**Planning Commission Regular Meeting
Minutes**

**January 23, 2024 5:30 PM
Council Chambers
400 N. Douty St.**

AMENDED

ROLL CALL:

Chair DEVINE called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present:	Absent:
HAM CURTIS DOUGLAS NORRIS DEVINE	NONE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Bud Haskell, Grace Bible Church

FLAG SALUTE:

Chair DEVINE led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda and that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. This is also the public's opportunity to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes or to comment on any item on the agenda. Comments related to Public Hearing items will be heard at the time the item is discussed. A maximum of three minutes is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.

None.

ELECTION OF THE 2024 PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

City Attorney Mizote provided a review of the elections process. Chair DEVINE invited nominations for Chair. First nomination: Commissioner DOUGLAS nominated Commissioner NORRIS. Second nomination: Commissioner NORRIS nominated Commissioner HAM. Commissioner NORRIS was elected by the following vote:

RESULT: ELECTION
MOVER: DOUGLAS
AYES: DOUGLAS, CURTIS, DEVINE
NAYS: HAM, NORRIS

Commissioner DEVINE invited nominations for Vice-Chair. First nomination: Commissioner NORRIS nominated Commissioner HAM. Second nomination: Commission CURTIS nominated Commissioner DEVINE. Commissioner HAM was elected by the following vote:

RESULT: ELECTION
MOVER: NORRIS
AYES: NORRIS, HAM, DEVINE
NAYS: CURTIS, DOUGLAS

Commissioner DEVINE passed the gavel to newly elected Chair NORRIS.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

A. Community Development: Approval of the November 28, 2023 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2023 meeting. Before voting, Commissioner DEVINE asked City Attorney Mizote if he is allowed to vote, even though he was not present at the meeting. Mr. Mizote replied that if he felt that the minutes were an accurate representation of the meeting, then he can vote.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: DOUGLAS
SECONDER: CURTIS
AYES: DOUGLAS, CURTIS, HAM, DEVINE, NORRIS

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Community Development: **Zone Text Amendment No. 2024-01**, a request to amend Title 17, Section 17.56.230 of the Hanford Municipal Code in order to comply with free speech requirements and establish new application process.

Chair NORRIS opened the public hearing and called for the staff report. Director Waters presented the staff report recommending approval of Resolution 2024-01, and invited questions of staff.

Commissioner DEVINE formerly served on City Council. At that time, Council did a thorough review of the mural requirements and approval process. He asked if something had changed since then that made these amendments necessary. Director Waters replied that there was most likely new case law that triggered the need to amend our current ordinance. He noted that other cities are making similar changes.

There being no further questions, Chair NORRIS opened Public Comment:

IN FAVOR

Hanford resident, business owner, and Rotary Club member Pauline Hershey spoke in favor of the amendment, noting that Rotary is encouraging use of the arts in the community. Their only concern is that some groups might take advantage of the reduced content restrictions by using murals to promote their political positions or other controversial issues.

OPPOSED

None.

Chair NORRIS closed Public Comment and again invited Commissioners' questions of staff.

Vice-Chair HAM:

1. Will there be any restrictions to the size of the mural application, since the 1:12 scale is mentioned in the guidelines?

Director Waters: There would not be issues with different sizes.

2. Will there be any color restrictions?

Director Waters: That would be considered content-based, so there will be no color restrictions.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2024-01, recommending approval of Zone Text Amendment No. 2024-01 to the City Council.

RESULT: (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER: DEVINE
SECONDER: DOUGLAS
AYES: DEVINE, DOUGLAS, CURTIS, HAM, NORRIS

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Director Waters introduced the new City logo, indicating a sample of it on the PowerPoint slides. He mentioned that the City seal is still used in certain instances.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS OF INTEREST:

At this time, any Commissioner may ask a question for clarification of matters within the Planning Commission's jurisdiction, make an announcement, or report briefly on activities in their role as a Planning Commissioner. In addition, subject to the Planning Commissioner's Handbook, Commissioners may request staff to report back to the Planning Commission at a subsequent meeting concerning any matter within the Commissioner's jurisdiction (GC 54954.2).

Commissioner CURTIS:

1. Could the Commission receive updates on the High Speed Rail (HSR) project?

Director Waters: The HSR Authority is currently involved in the design process but will reach out with updates to City Council when they have something to report. Planning Commission will be notified of that meeting.

2. Would projects within the six recently annexed Kings County islands come before the Planning Commission?

Director Waters: Yes.

3. Has there been any progress in preparation of the new Planning Commissioners Handbook?

Director Waters: Administration is working on that, and they will let us know when it is ready.

4. Is there an update on the project from the August 8, 2023 meeting that was continued to a date not certain (Applicant: Adventist Health, GPA No. 2022-01/RZ No. 2022-01/PUD No. 2022-01/MND No. 2023-93)?

Director Waters: When revisions are being made on a project, we rely on the developer to notify us when they are ready to move forward.

Commissioner DOUGLAS thanked Commissioner DEVINE for serving as Chair last year and congratulated Commissioner NORRIS on his election to Chair this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available to public inspection in the Planning Division Office located at 317 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230, during normal business hours. Such documents are also available at the city's website, www.cityofhanfordca.com subject to staff's ability to post documents before the meeting. If you need a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, to participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Division's office, 559-585-2580, 317 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230, at least 2 days prior to the meeting {28 CFR 35.102.35.104 ADA Title II} APPEALS: Any action of the Planning Commission, which is a final project decision, may be appealed to the City Council by the applicant or any adversely affected person. To file an appeal, an appeal application and filing fee of \$1,000.00 must be submitted to the Community Development Department, 317 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California, within ten (10) days following the date of the final decision of the Planning Commission.

Chair NORRIS adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Black
Recording Secretary