

City of Fresno

*City Hall Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

**In Person and/or Electronic
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Planning Commission

Chairperson – Peter Vang

Vice Chair – Brad Hardie

Commissioner – David Criner

Commissioner – Haley M Wagner

Commissioner – Monica Diaz

Commissioner – Robert A. Fuentes

Commissioner – Vacant

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I. ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Hardie called meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

STAFF: Clark, Sanchez, Tackett, Siegrist, Trejo, Salazar, Richardson, Lara, Valenzuela, Aponte (Planning and Development) R. Gonzales (City Attorney's Office) Benelli (Public Works) Zack (Economic Development).

Present 6 - Chair Peter Vang, Vice Chair Brad Hardie, Commissioner David Criner, Commissioner Robert Fuentes, Commissioner Haley M. Wagner, and Commissioner Monica Diaz

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PROCEDURES - PROCEDIMIENTOS - KEV SAB LAJ

Commissioner Hardie outlined the meeting procedures for the benefit of the public.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Director Clark did not have any changes to recommend and just reminded Commission Item VIII-B ID 21-851 is continued to December 1, 2021

On motion of Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Wagner, the above AGENDA was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Vang, Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Fuentes, Commissioner Wagner, and Commissioner Diaz

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Criner

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

On motion of Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Fuentes, the CONSENT CALENDAR was APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vang, Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Criner, Commissioner Fuentes, Commissioner Wagner, and Commissioner Diaz

V-A. [ID 21-879](#) Consideration of the Fresno City Planning Commission Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2022

VI. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS**VII. CONTINUED MATTERS****VIII. NEW MATTERS****VIII-A** [ID 21-878](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Hardie suggested Commissioner Vang become Chair and made a motion that was unanimously approved.

There was no opposition to Commissioner Hardie remaining as Vice Chair.

On motion of Vice Chair Hardie, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, Commissioner Vang was appointed Chair and Commissioner Hardie remained Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vang, Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Criner ,
Commissioner Fuentes, Commissioner Wagner, and
Commissioner Diaz

VIII-B. [ID 21-851](#) CONTINUE TO DECEMBER 1, 2021

Hearing to consider a proposed Development Agreement by and between the City of Fresno and Parc West Development, Inc. relating to the development of the Parc West Project (Council District 1).

1. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (to the City Council) of the adoption of an addendum to the previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) SCH No. 2020039061, pursuant to Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

2. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (to City Council) of an ordinance approving the Development Agreement by and between the City of Fresno and Parc West Development, Inc. for purposes of the Parc West Project, pertaining to ±160 acres of property located on the west side of North Grantland Avenue between West Ashlan Avenue and the West Gettysburg Avenue alignment.

Item VIII-B ID 21-851 is continued to December 1, 2021

VIII-C. [ID 21-871](#) Consideration of Plan Amendment and Rezone Application No. P21-01875, Vesting Tentative Tract Map Nos. 6238 and 6246, and Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (FSEIR) State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2000021003 relative to property generally located between North Friant Road, East Copper Avenue, North Willow Avenue and the

East Silaxo Road (Council District 6)

1. **RECOMMEND CERTIFICATION** (to the City Council) of Final SEIR SCH No. 2000021003 for the proposed development; and,
 - a. RECOMMEND ADOPTION (to the City Council) of Findings of Fact as required by Public Resources Code Section 21082(a) and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15091; and,
 - b. RECOMMEND ADOPTION (to the City Council) of the Statement of Overriding Considerations as required by Public Resources Code, Section 21081(b) and CEQA Guidelines, Section 15093; and
 - c. RECOMMEND APPROVAL (to the City Council) of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as required by Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15092; and,

2. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Plan Amendment Application P21-01875 proposing to amend the Fresno General Plan from the Medium Density Residential (± 35.59 acres) planned land use designation to Low Density Residential (±35.59 acres), Medium High Density Residential (± 0.93 acres) planned land use designation to Urban Neighborhood (± 0.93 acres), Medium High Density Residential (± 7.23 acres) planned land use designation to Medium Density Residential (± 7.23 acres), Medium High Density Residential (± 0.79 acres) planned land use designation to Medium Low Density Residential (± 0.79 acres), Medium High Density Residential (± 2.68 acres) planned land use designation to Community Commercial (± 2.68 acres), Open Space, Golf Course (± 2.07 acres) planned land use designation to Medium Low Density Residential (± 2.07 acres), Community Commercial (± 1.17 acres) planned land use designation to Low Density Residential (± 1.17 acres), Community Commercial (± 8.17 acres) planned land use designation to Urban Neighborhood (± 8.17 acres), Community Commercial (± 2.68 acres) planned land use designation to Medium Low Density Residential (± 2.68 acres), General Commercial (± 4.53 acres) planned land use designation to Low Density Residential (± 4.53 acres).

3. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Rezone Application No. P21-01875 proposing to amend the Official Zone Map to reclassify: ± 35.59 acres of property from the RS-5/UGM/cz

(Single Family Residential, Medium Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RS-3/UGM/cz (Single-Family Residential, Low Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, ± 0.93 acres of property from the RM-1/UGM/cz (Multi-Family Residential, Medium High Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RM-2/UGM/cz (Multi-Family Residential, Urban Neighborhood/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, ± 7.23 acres of property from the RM-1/UGM/cz (Multi Family Residential, Medium High Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RS-5/UGM/cz (Single Family Residential, Medium Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, ± 0.79 acre of property from the RM-1/UGM/cz (Multi Family Residential, Medium High Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RS-4/UGM/cz (Single Family Residential, Medium Low Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, ± 2.68 acres of property from the RM-1/UGM/cz (Multi-Family Residential, Medium High Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to CC/UGM/cz (Community Commercial/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, ± 2.07 acres of property from the PR/UGM/cz (Parks and Recreation/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RS-4/UGM/cz (Single Family Residential, Medium Low Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, ± 1.17 acres of property from the CC/UGM/cz (Community Commercial/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RS-3/UGM/cz (Single Family Residential, Low Density/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, ± 8.17 acres of property from the CC/UGM/cz (Community Commercial/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RM-2/UGM/cz (Multi-Family Residential, Urban Neighborhood/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, ± 2.68 acres of property from the CC/UGM/cz (Community Commercial/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RS-4/UGM/cz (Single Family Residential, Medium Low Density /Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district, and ± 4.53 acres of property from the GC/UGM/cz (General Commercial/Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district to RS-3/UGM/cz (Single Family Residential, Low Density /Urban Growth Management/conditions of zoning) zone district.

4. **RECOMMEND ADOPTION** (to the City Council) of findings pursuant to Government Code Section 65863(b)(2) that there is substantial

evidence in the record that remaining sites identified in the Housing Element can accommodate the City of Fresno's share of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

5. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6238/UGM which requests authorization to subdivide approximately 14.01 acres of property for purposes of creating a 47-lot single family residential planned development subdivision located near the southeast corner of North Alicante Drive and North Crest View Drive subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated November 17, 2021.
6. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Planned Development No. P21-02863 subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated November 17, 2021.
7. **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** (to the City Council) of Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. 6246/UGM which requests authorization to subdivide approximately 41.58 acres of property for purposes of creating a 144-lot single family residential subdivision near the northeast corner of North Alicante Drive and North Crest View Drive subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated November 17, 2021.

Supervising Planner, Israel Trejo, made a presentation on the item and introduced Travis Crawford & Jose Benevidez as consultants on the item.

Commissioner Wagner asked Trejo for clarification on the decreasing or increasing of dwellings.

Fuentes asked Staff why the Commission is asked to redesignate and rezone areas when there is no proposed projects or maps available.

Applicant Jeff Roberts and Gary McDonald from the Assemi Group (applicants) from his team spoke and presented .

No public comment in favor or opposition on this item.

On motion of Vice Chair Hardie, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vang, Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Criner ,
Commissioner Fuentes, Commissioner Wagner, and
Commissioner Diaz

VIII-D. [ID 21-857](#) Consideration of Planned Development Permit Application No. P21-01805, a request to modify applicable development code standards relating to block, street, and alley standards to allow for the vacation of an existing alley for a proposed mixed-use development located at 1510 Van Ness Avenue, on the north side of Stanislaus Street, between Van Ness Avenue and 'L' Street in downtown Fresno (Council District 3) - Planning & Development Department.

1. **CONSIDER** Environmental Assessment No. P21-02255/P21-01805, dated November 17, 2021, a determination that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) through a Class 32 Categorical Exemption; and,
2. **DENY** the applicant's appeal and **UPHOLD** the action of the Planning and Development Department Director to deny Planned Development Permit Application No. P21-01805 requesting to modify applicable development code standards relating to block, street, and alley standards to allow for the vacation of a portion of an existing alley for a proposed mix-use development in the downtown planning area.

Planner, Jose Valenzuela, made a presentation on this item.

Sal Gonzales, the developer on project, spoke representing the applicant about the benefits of the proposed project.

Fuentes voiced concern about findings from the Fresno Municipal Code. Gonzales and the Commissioner discussed these apprehensions and addressed the findings.

Darius Assemi (Granville Homes) spoke in favor of the proposed project.

Robert Arnt, a retired police officer & director of security for the proposed project, spoke about criminal activity in alleys and spoke in favor of the item.

No public comment in opposition or rebuttal from applicant

Vice Chair Hardie stated he was torn on the item and asked for a motion and findings from the dais.

After a motion was made, Senior Deputy City Attorney Gonzales explained to the Commission findings needed to be stated when making a motion. Diaz explained due to the housing crisis, she found this item a matter of common sense. Wagner explained each of the 4 findings since Staff already explained the 5th one in the staff report and the roll call vote was then taken.

On motion of Commissioner Diaz, seconded by Commissioner Wagner, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Chair Vang, Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Criner ,
Commissioner Fuentes, Commissioner Wagner, and
Commissioner Diaz

IX. REPORT BY SECRETARY

Director Clark reminded the Commission of the next meetings (December 1st and 15th). She also welcomed Chair Vang in his new roll and offered commission training.

X. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm