

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
PLANNING COMMISSION - MINUTES**
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 6:00 P.M.

**THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED THIS MEETING BY
TELECONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA
GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-29-20
AND COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Bojorquez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT Commissioners: Leo Barrera, Jeff Ortiz, Larry Rodriguez, Ruby Rose Yopez, and Chairperson Rudy Bojorquez.

Present via teleconference: Christy Marie Lopez, Assistant City Attorney; Rene Salas, Public Works Director; Ian McAleese, Assistant Planner; and Angie Hernandez, Planning Commission Secretary.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Bojorquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Barrera, seconded by Rodriguez and carried 5-0, to approve the agenda.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Commissioners: Barrera, Ortiz, Rodriguez, Yopez, and Chairperson Bojorquez

Nays: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Bojorquez, opened the public comment.

With no public comments, Chairperson Bojorquez closed public comment.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6.a. Minutes for September 15, 2020

Chairperson Bojorquez added to the record a correction to the Minutes for September 15, 2020. Public comment made by Mayor Gloria Olmos was to read: Congratulations to Commissioner Larry Rodriguez on his election to the Valle Lindo School Board.

A motion was made by Rodriguez, seconded by Yepez and carried 5-0 to approve Consent Calendar.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Commissioners: Barrera, Ortiz, Rodriguez, Yepez, and Chairperson Bojorquez

Nays: None

7. NON-PUBLIC HEARINGS – None.

7.a. Consideration of Draft 2020 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission review and forward any recommendations to the City's Hazard Mitigation Planning Team

Carolyn Harshman, Emergency Planning Consultant presented the Draft 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan to the Planning Commission. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires communities to develop, implement, and update hazard mitigation plans recognizing potential natural hazards and to identify and consider mitigation measures to reduce the risks associated with those hazards. The plan is a tool to aid in facility and infrastructure planning and improvements and is a requirement to qualify for federal hazard mitigation grants. The federal regulations require hazard mitigation plans to be updated every five years. The City's existing Hazard Mitigation Plan was approved by FEMA in 2009. The updated plan must first be conditionally approved by FEMA pending adoption by the local jurisdiction's governing body. Upon receipt of adoption, FEMA issues a Final Letter of Approval.

Discussion ensued by the Planning Commission with comments related to flooding concerns, natural disasters, wildfires, the Army Corp. of Engineers with 100-year flood, vector control hazards, FEMA resources, draft changes and Emergency Operation Plan.

The Commission gave feedback to the Emergency Planning Consultant to include their comments and concerns into the draft. Next steps were noted as follows: Consultant will take notes of any comments, include them in the next draft, post the draft as a Public Document and then scheduling City Council to finalize and approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

8. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

Chairperson Bojorquez – Senior Center hot food drive. Nativity church drive.

Commissioner Rodriguez – Nothing to report.

Commissioner Ortiz – Gave invocation at the previous council meeting.

Commissioner Barrera – Candidate Virtual Event hosted by EM/SEM Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Yepez – Hosted event with Active SGV & SCE – Empower Program, Sustainable Living and Energy Efficiency and Job search during pandemic.

9. STAFF ITEMS

Planner's Report – Nothing to report.
Secretary's Report – Nothing to report.
Director's Report – Nothing to report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ortiz, seconded by Yepez and carried 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Ayes: Commissioners: Barrera, Ortiz, Rodriguez, Yepez, and Chairperson Bojorquez

Nays: None