



Agenda of the Planning Commission

Meeting of May 3, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

ONLINE ONLY MEETING

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LIVE WEBCAST

Council Chambers, Civic Center

1243 National City Boulevard

National City, CA 91950

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Welcome to the National City Planning Commission meeting. The National City Planning Commission conducts its meeting in the interest of community benefit. Your participation is helpful. These proceedings are video recorded.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Sendt

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of April 19, 2021

Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting of May 3, 2021

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT).

NOTE: Under State law, items requiring Commission action must be brought back on a subsequent agenda unless they are of a demonstrated emergency or urgent nature.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Recognition of Outgoing Commissioner Dolores Flores
4. Welcome and Introduction of New Planning Commissioner – Claudia E. Valenzuela

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Program – General Plan Conformity Review

STAFF REPORTS

Deputy City Attorney

Director of Community Development

Principal Planner

Commissioners

Chairperson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to the regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.



Planning Commission Minutes

Planning Commission Meeting
Meeting of April 19, 2021
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These minutes have been abbreviated. Video recordings of the full proceedings are on file and available to the public.

Agenda Items

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dela Paz at 6:06 p.m.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Roman

Commissioners Present: Dela Paz, Sendt, Flores, Roman, Natividad, Yamane, Sanchez

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Also Present: Director of Community Development Armando Vergara, Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Gilman, Principal Planner Martin Reeder, Assistant Planner Chris Stanley

1. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of March 15, 2021

Motion by Flores, second by Yamane to approve the Minutes for the Meeting of March 15, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Dela Paz, Sendt, Flores, Roman, Natividad, Yamane, Sanchez

Abstain: None.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

2. Approval of the Agenda for the Meeting on April 19, 2021.

Motion by Flores, second by Yamane to approve the Agenda for the Meeting on April 19, 2021.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Dela Paz, Sendt, Flores, Roman, Natividad, Yamane, Sanchez

Abstain: None.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Resolution Taking Action on a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Church (Iglesia De Cristo) located at 322 Highland Avenue (Case File No. 2021-02 CUP)

Presented by Assistant Planner Chris Stanley.

Commissioners asked questions of the applicant.

Applicant Francis Rodriguez confirmed that she had read, understands, and accepts the conditions.

Motion by Natividad, second by Flores to approve a Resolution Taking Action on a Conditional Use Permit to Operate a Church (Iglesia De Cristo) located at 322 Highland Avenue (Case File No. 2021-02 CUP) with the addition of church operating hours on Wednesdays from 7:00 am – 9:00 p.m.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Dela Paz, Sendt, Flores, Roman, Natividad

Abstain: None.

Noes: Sanchez, Yamane

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

STAFF REPORTS:

Deputy City Attorney: None.

Armando Vergara, Director of Community Development: None.

Principal Planner: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Roman: Spoke to his attendance at the recent League of California Cities Planning Commissioners Academy and advised he would share what he learned with the group.

Sendt: Encouraged everyone to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and commented that the City was administering free vaccinations for residents.

Sanchez: Stated that he had also attended the League of California Cities Planning Commissioners Academy and learned more about the Brown Act and his role as a Commissioner.

Dela Paz: Encouraged everyone to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

There were no other Commissioner reports.

ADJOURNMENT by Chair Dela Paz at 6:48 p.m. to the meeting of May 3, 2021.

CHAIRPERSON

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of May 3, 2021.



Item no. **5**
May 3, 2021

CITY OF NATIONAL CITY – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
1243 NATIONAL CITY BLVD., NATIONAL CITY, CA 91950

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Title: FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – GENERAL PLAN CONFORMITY REVIEW

Staff report by: Martin Reeder- Principal Planner

Applicant: City

Location: Citywide

Environmental review: Environmental review will be conducted for projects pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Background

As part of the annual budget process, the City considers potential capital improvement projects. These projects are listed as proposed public works in the annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Government Code Section 65401 requires that the Planning Commission review the list of proposed public works and report to the City Council on the conformity of the CIP with the General Plan. The proposed projects for Fiscal Year 2021-22 are attached along with a conformity review, which identifies the General Plan policies that support each project.

Recommendation

Determine that the proposed CIP projects for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 are in conformity with the adopted General Plan.

Attachments

1. Conformity Review
2. Government Code Section 65401

Martin Reeder
Principal Planner

Armando Vergara
Community Development Director

Proposed Projects/General Plan Conformity Review

The table included below represents projects that are included in FY 2022's Proposed Budget, as a part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Out of the five projects listed in the table, two of the projects, Central Community Mobility Enhancements and Bayshore Bikeway – Segment 5 were presented to the Planning Commission on May 4, 2020 during the 2021 budget process. Both projects were determined to be in conformance with the General Plan. The Citywide Protected Left-Turn Enhancements Project is included as a part of the annual traffic signal upgrades project, which Planning Commission has previously determined conforms with the General Plan, as well as annual sewer replacement/upsizing, street resurfacing, drainage improvements, and facility upgrades. The remaining two infrastructure projects are subject to Planning Commission review, and are described in the following pages.

FY 22 Projects

Central Community Mobility Enhancements

Sweetwater Road Protected Bikeway

Bayshore Bikeway – Segment 5

Citywide Protected Left-Turn Enhancements

El Toyon-Las Palmas Bicycle Corridor

Sweetwater Road Protected Bikeway

Project Description: The project will install approximately 1.2 miles of protected bike facilities along Sweetwater Road between N. 2nd Avenue and Plaza Bonita Road, extend the Class I bike path along Plaza Bonita Road, and provide bicycle/pedestrian safety enhancements at intersections.

Implementing General Plan Policies:

Policy LU-8.4: Plan the circulation system and public infrastructure and services to provide capacity for the realistic build-out of the city.

Policy LU-8.5: Update the capital improvement program for the improvement of existing public facilities and the development of new facilities and plan for the equitable distribution of infrastructure improvements and public facilities and services considering both number/size and access/distance to facilities.

Policy C-2.2: Enhance connectivity by eliminating gaps and barriers in roadways, bikeway, and pedestrian networks.

Policy C-2.5: Encourage traffic circulation improvements that minimize land acquisition and major construction, such as, but not limited to, enhanced road markings, synchronized traffic signals, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) network management and more left turn restrictions.

Policy C-2.6: Enhance the quality of life in the City's Neighborhoods and minimize impacts on schools,

Policy C-4.5: Encourage the use of alternative transportation modes.

Policy C-8.1: Provide connectivity of wide, well-lit walking environments with safety buffers between pedestrians and vehicular traffic, when feasible.

Policy C-8.3: Identify and implement necessary pedestrian improvements with special emphasis on providing safe access to schools, parks, community and recreation centers, shopping districts, and other appropriate facilities.

Policy C-8.5: Improve pedestrian safety at intersections and mid-block crossings

Policy C-9.1: Expand and improve the bikeway system and facilities by establishing bike lanes, separated paths, and bicycle storage facilities at major destinations.

Policy C-9.6: Keep abreast of bicycle facility innovations in other cities and regions, and seek to incorporate these into the bicycle network.

Policy HEJ-3.2: Identify and eliminate, where feasible, barriers to outdoor physical activity, such as damaged, incomplete, blocked, or littered sidewalks and bike paths, lack of safe street crossings and direct connections, excessive speeding, insufficient lighting, incidence or perception of crime, and lack of landscaping and shade trees along streets.

El Toyon – Las Palmas Bicycle Corridor

Project Description: The project includes construction of a new bicycle corridor parallel to the east side of I-805 connecting El Toyon Park and Las Palmas Park. Improvements include Class III bike sharrows with signage, ADA upgrades, traffic calming measures such as pedestrian refuge islands, corner bulb-outs, pedestrian actuated flashing crosswalk signs, and high intensity signage and striping, and storm water treatment infiltration areas.

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TITLE 7. PLANNING AND LAND USE [65000 - 66499.58] (*Heading of Title 7 amended by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.*)

DIVISION 1. PLANNING AND ZONING [65000 - 66301] (*Heading of Division 1 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1536.*)

CHAPTER 3. Local Planning [65100 - 65763] (*Chapter 3 repealed and added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1880.*)

ARTICLE 7. Administration of General Plan [65400 - 65404] (*Article 7 added by Stats. 1965, Ch. 1880.*)

65401. If a general plan or part thereof has been adopted, within such time as may be fixed by the legislative body, each county or city officer, department, board, or commission, and each governmental body, commission, or board, including the governing body of any special district or school district, whose jurisdiction lies wholly or partially within the county or city, whose functions include recommending, preparing plans for, or constructing, major public works, shall submit to the official agency, as designated by the respective county board of supervisors or city council, a list of the proposed public works recommended for planning, initiation or construction during the ensuing fiscal year. The official agency receiving the list of proposed public works shall list and classify all such recommendations and shall prepare a coordinated program of proposed public works for the ensuing fiscal year. Such coordinated program shall be submitted to the county or city planning agency for review and report to said official agency as to conformity with the adopted general plan or part thereof.

(*Amended by Stats. 1970, Ch. 1590.*)