

MINUTES
VERNON BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cline called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Chair Cline led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jack Cline, Chair (via remote access)
Jimmy Andreoli II, Vice Chair (via remote access)
John Baca, Commissioner (via remote access)
Thomas Condon, Commissioner (via remote access)
William Davis, Commissioner (via remote access)
Duncan Sachdeva, Commissioner (via remote access)
Douglas Williams, Commissioner (via remote access)

STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Fandino, City Administrator
Arnold Alvarez Glasman, Interim City Attorney (via remote access)
Norma Copado, Interim Assistant City Attorney Copado (via remote access)
Lisa Pope, City Clerk
Dan Wall, Public Works Director (via remote access)
Scott Williams, Finance Director (via remote access)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Baca seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS**1. Update on Metro Link Union Station Project**

Recommendation: This is a presentation only. There is no action required by the Commission.

Public Works Director Wall introduced the Metro team.

Danielle Valentino, Metro, Community Relations Manager; Jeanet Owens, Metro, Senior Executive Officer, Regional Rail; and Vincent Cho, Metro, Senior Director, Regional Rail, provided an update on the Malabar Yard Improvements in the City of Vernon; outreach to property owners; revised design approach to address comments received; traffic update; next steps; and recommended preliminary locally preferred alternative.

In response to Commission questions, the team explained traffic counts and mitigation.

Jason Sanchez, BNSF, Railway discussed the impact of trains on traffic in Vernon.

2. Regulation of Commercial Cannabis Businesses: State Law Authority, Local Regulation, and Policy Considerations

Recommendation: Receive a presentation from the City Attorney's Office regarding regulation of commercial cannabis businesses; and provide further direction to the City Attorney's office and/or City staff, if any.

Interim Assistant City Attorney Copado presented a PowerPoint on the Regulation of Commercial Cannabis Business: State Law Authority, Local Regulation, and Policy Considerations.

City Clerk Pope read an email submitted by Richard Friedman expressing interest in the opportunity for his property to be used for cannabis.

The Commission discussed the cannabis industry, expressing interest in allowing it in the City; cautioning overregulation; opposition to limiting licenses; allowing businesses by right; financial benefits to the City; potential concern about odors; and State requirements.

City Administrator Fandino stated the City Attorney's Office would be drafting an ordinance to be presented to the City Council.

City Clerk Pope noted the Cannabis Town Hall Meetings scheduled on February 22, at 11:30 a.m. and March 4, at 7:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

Commissioner Baca moved and Commissioner Davis seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following item:

3. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the November 12, 2020 Regular Business and Industry Commission meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Citywide Fee Schedule Update for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22

Recommendation: Recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed fee schedule.

Finance Director Williams presented the staff report.

MOTION

Commissioner Baca moved and Commissioner Davis seconded a motion to recommend that the City Council adopt the proposed fee schedule. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

ORAL REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Cline adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

DocuSigned by:
Jack Cline

JACK CLINE, Chair

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:
Lisa Pope

LISA POPE, Secretary
(seal)