

MINUTES
VERNON HOUSING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gaviña called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Edry led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Frank Gaviña, Chair (via remote access)
Steven Froberg, Vice Chair (via remote access) (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)
Ronit Edry, Commissioner (via remote access)
Steve Hermon, Commissioner (via remote access) (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
Jorge Nevarez Jr., Commissioner (via remote access)
Marlene Ybarra, Commissioner (via remote access)
Melissa Ybarra, Commissioner (via remote access)

STAFF PRESENT:

Carlos Fandino, City Administrator (via remote access)
Dan Wall, Public Works Director (via remote access)
Zaynah Moussa, Senior Deputy City Attorney (via remote access)
Lisa Pope, City Clerk (via remote access)
Sandra Dolson, Administrative Secretary (via remote access)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Commissioner Melissa Ybarra moved and Commissioner Edry seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried 5-0, Vice Chair Froberg and Commissioner Hermon absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Pope read comments submitted by Leticia Lopez; Jorge Macias; Martha Macias; and Miguel Macias which clarified that they were not related.

Vice Chair Froberg arrived at 6:08 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR**MOTION**

Vice Chair Froberg moved and Commissioner Nevarez seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Commissioner Hermon absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
Recommendation: Approve the January 27, 2021 Special Vernon Housing Commission meeting minutes.
- 2. Update on Temporary Emergency Moratoria and COVID-19 Renter/Landlord Legislation**
Recommendation: Receive and file the update.

NEW BUSINESS

- 3. Quarterly City Housing Report**
Recommendation: Receive and file the March 2021 Quarterly City Housing Report.

Public Works Director Wall presented the staff report.

MOTION

Commissioner Melissa Ybarra moved and Commissioner Nevarez seconded a motion to receive and file the March 2021 Quarterly City Housing Report. The question was called and the motion carried 6-0, Commissioner Hermon absent.

Commissioner Hermon arrived at 6:15 p.m.

- 4. State Rental Assistance Program**
Recommendation: Evaluate the options available for state rental assistance and recommend a course of action for City Council which specifies whether: a) the City, as a landlord, applies for funding directly from the State on the tenant's behalf; or b) that the tenant applies directly for rental assistance with guidance from the City.

Public Works Director Wall presented the staff report.

In response to Commission questions, Director Wall discussed staff time and costs. Senior Deputy City Attorney Moussa explained recovery of rental debt if the landlord did not participate.

MOTION


Commissioner Melissa Ybarra moved and Commissioner Edry seconded a motion to recommend the City Council approve that the City, as a landlord, apply for funding directly from the State on the tenant's behalf. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

ORAL REPORTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Gaviña adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

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LISA POPE, City Clerk
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