Meeting Minutes of January 04, 2018

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Fischer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance

II. REPORT ON POSTING THE AGENDA AND ROLL CALL

City Clerk Shawna Freels reported the agenda was posted Friday, December 29th, at 5:25 p.m.

Present: Chair Tom Fischer; Vice Chair Rebeca Armendariz; Commissioner Steve Ashford; Commissioner Casey Estorga; Commissioner Kai Lai; Commissioner Rebecca Scheel; Commissioner Sue Rodriguez; Planning Manager Sue O’Strander; City Attorney Andy Faber

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. September 7, 2017

Motion on item III. A

Motion to approve minutes of September 7, 2017
Moved by Commissioner Kai Lai, seconded by Commissioner Sue Rodriguez
Vote: Motion carried 7-0
Yes: Commissioner Rebeca Armendariz; Commissioner Steve Ashford; Commissioner Tom Fischer; Commissioner Kai Lai; Commissioner Sue Rodriguez; Commissioner Casey Estorga; Commissioner Rebecca Scheel.
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

B. November 2, 2017

Motion on item III. B

Motion to approve minutes of November 2, 2017 with the modified changes.
Moved by Commissioner Sue Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Kai Lai
Vote: Motion carried 7-0
Yes: Commissioner Rebeca Armendariz; Commissioner Steve Ashford; Commissioner Tom Fischer; Commissioner Kai Lai; Commissioner Sue Rodriguez; Commissioner Casey Estorga; Commissioner Rebecca Scheel.
Noes: None
Abstain: None  
Absent:  None

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Z 16-05 Zoning Ordinance Amendment to add Ch. 30.38.270 Significant Tree Removal. The city recognizes that existing and future trees and tree communities located in the city are a valuable and distinctive resource. The purpose of the addition of the Significant Tree Removal Chapter is to protect existing and future significant trees and tree communities throughout the city through the establishment of an ordinance to regulate the removal or destruction of significant trees, tree communities and heritage trees on private property.

IV. A

Motion to continue item to next Regular Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for February 1, 2018.

Moved by Rebeca Armendariz, seconded by Steve Ashford
Motion carried 7-0.
Yes:  Chair Tom Fischer; Vice Chair Rebeca Armendariz; Commissioner Steve Ashford; Commissioner Casey Estorga; Commissioner Kai Lai; Commissioner Rebecca Scheel; Commissioner Sue Rodriguez

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendments to delete Article 30.38 Landscaping, and replace it with a new Article 30.38 Landscaping, Water Efficiency, and Stormwater Retention and Treatment.

Senior Planner Stan Ketchum provided a presentation on the Landscaping, Water Efficiency, and Stormwater Retention and Treatment.

IV.B

Motion to adopt a resolution recommending the City Council approve Zoning Code Amendment Z 17-08 .

Moved by Kai Lai, seconded by Rebecca Scheel
Vote: Motion carried 7-0.
Yes:  Chair Tom Fischer; Vice Chair Rebeca Armendariz; Commissioner Steve Ashford; Commissioner Casey Estorga; Commissioner Kai Lai; Commissioner Rebecca Scheel; Commissioner Sue Rodriguez
No:  None

V. OLD BUSINESS:  None

VI. NEW BUSINESS
A. Commissioner Sue Rodriguez presented Commissioner Kai Lai a framed proclamation for his service to the City of Gilroy.

Commissioner Kai Lai stated he’s served over 17 years on the Planning Commission providing his voice to the community of City of Gilroy.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE: None

VIII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
A. Current Planning Projects
B. Planning Staff Approvals

IX. PRESENTATION BY MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION:
None.

X. ORAL REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS:
A. City Council Meetings of
November 6, 2017 and November 20, 2017: Commissioner Fischer provided a brief summary.
December 4, 2017 & December 18, 2017: Vice Chair Armendariz stated she will report at the next Regular Planning Commission Meeting.

B. Housing Advisory Committee: Vice Chair Armendariz provided a brief summary.

C. Historic Heritage Committee: Commissioner Ashford stated no meeting was held

D. Arts & Culture Commission: Commissioner Estorga stated no meeting was held in the month of December, nothing to report in November; he provided an update from October’s meeting.

E. South County Joint Planning Advisory Committee: Commissioner Rodriguez stated there was no meeting to report; Commissioner Rodriguez asked if there is a meeting in January.

F. Street Naming Committee: Commissioner Kai Lai stated there was no meeting to report

G. Development Standards Task Force: Commissioner Fischer stated there was no meeting to report

H. General Plan Advisory Committee: Commissioner Fischer stated there was no meeting to report.

I. High Speed Rail Advisory Committee: Commissioner Fischer stated there was no meeting to report; he stated High Speed Rail Authority provided a presentation to City Council in December.
XI. PLANNING DIVISION MANAGER REPORT:
Sue O’Strander provided the commissioners the 2018 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule and the 2018 City Council Meeting Attendance
Sue O’Strander stated the Planning Commission Retreat will take place on a Saturday morning. Based on everyone’s schedule, March 17, 2018 has been penciled in as a tentative date.

The Planning Commission Academy is held April 4-6, 2018 at the Hyatt Monterey

XII. ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:

XIII. PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR REPORT:

Zinnia Navarro Office Assistant