



**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday May 22, 2024
Richland City Hall – Council Chambers
625 Swift Boulevard**

Call to Order:

Chair Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Chair Richardson, Vice Chair Townsend, Commissioner Hernandez, Lambert, Miller, Nicholson, and Samuel.

Also present were Councilmember VanDyke, Development Services Director Jensen, Interim Public Works Director D'Alessandro, and Administrative Assistant II Kirkpatrick.

Approval of Agenda:

Chair Richardson presented the meeting agenda for approval and asked for a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER NICHOLSON MOVED AND COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 22, 2024, MEETING AGENDA. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 7-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Richardson presented the minutes from the March 27, 2024, Planning Commission meeting, and the April 10, 2024, Planning Commission Workshop meeting for approval.

COMMISSIONER MILLER MOTIONED AND COMMISSIONER LAMBERT SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2024, PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, AND THE APRIL 10, 2024 PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Public Comments:

Chair Richardson opened public comment at 6:02 pm, with a community member present Chair Richardson confirmed that they were there to speak on an item of business. With no public comments, he closed the comment period at 6:03 pm.

Agenda Item:

1. 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Presentation

Interim Public Works Director D'Alessandro gave a brief history of why we have the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and touched on the overall process. The recommendations and projects were previously reviewed at a planning commission workshop. He then went over projects that are funded, or partially funded. He then provided a list of projects that have been removed from the TIP because they are funded and currently being worked on. Lastly, he went over projects that have been added as new projects. Commissioners discussed and asked questions.

Chair Richardson opened the public hearing to accept public input at 6:17 p.m. Having no public input, Chair Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. and opened the floor for commission discussion.

Commissioner Nicholson stated that she was impressed with the opportunities that we are taking at the state and federal level for funding. Regarding questions, she inquired about Dallas and Ava Way, and if they were also included on the list of projects that have been taken care of as far as funding. Mr. D'Alessandro discussed where Dallas and Ava are in terms of development. They are conditioned upon some developments and partially funded but dependent on timing of future development so may not happen this year.

Commissioner Townsend asked for an explanation of what active transportation and what it pertains to. Mr. D'Alessandro explained that it is bikes, walking, rolling all transportation that is non-vehicular dependent. Townsend thanked him for all his hard work. Chair Richardson echoed.

COMMISSIONER NICHOLSON MOTIONED TO RECOMMEND FORWARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE 2024-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AS PRESENTED BY STAFF, COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Communications

Councilmember VanDyke stated that Capital Improvement Projects and the TIP are the most talked about and the least understood. He wanted to point out that the city has material online, that is an opportunity to have good talking points and engage in conversations with the community. He also thanked Carlo for looking at the big picture and his staff for their expertise.

Adjournment:

Chair Richardson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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Jet Richardson, Chair

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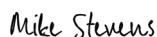
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