



**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Call to Order:

Chairman Palmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

Attendance:

Present: Chairman Palmer, Commissioners Mealer, Maier, Townsend, Keuhlen and Eadie. Planning Manager Stevens and Permit Technician Ghbein were also present. Commissioner Boring was excused.

Approval of Agenda:

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

COMMISSIONER MAIER MOVED TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 26, 2020 MEETING AGENDA AS WRITTEN. COMMISSIONER KEUHLEN SECONDED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Palmer presented the minutes of the January 22, 2020 meeting for approval.

COMMISSIONER MAIER MOTIONED AND COMMISSIONER KEUHLEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2020 MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Chairman Palmer presented the minutes of the February 12, 2020 workshop for approval.

COMMISSION MAIER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 12, 2020. COMMISSIONER MEALER SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Public Comment

Chairman Palmer asked the recorder to read the public comment procedure. After the reading of the procedure, **Chairman Palmer** opened the public comment period at 6:03 p.m. Having no one come forward **Chair Palmer** closed the public comment period at 6:03 p.m.

New Business – Election of Officers for 2020:

Chairman Palmer asked for nominations of officers.

Commissioner Townsend nominated Commissioner Maier as Vice Chair. Commissioner Maier accepted the nomination. Commissioner Mealer seconded. Having no other nominations, Chairman Palmer called for a vote. The nomination passed 6-0.

Commissioner Maier nominated Chairman Palmer to continue in his role as Chair. Commissioner Townsend seconded. Chairman Palmer accepted. Having no other nominations, Chairman Palmer called for the vote. The nomination passed 6-0.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Palmer asked the recorder to read the public hearing statement. After the reading of the public hearing statement, the proposed code amendment request was presented.

CA2020-101 Proposed Amendment to RMC 23.30.020, Public Land Use Table and RMC Section 23.06, Definitions

Chairman Palmer asked if all public notification requirements were met. Planning Manager Stevens confirmed they were, and then briefed the Commission on the proposed code amendments.

Chairman Palmer opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m.

The applicant, Paul Knutzen of Knutzen Engineering at 5401 Ridgeline Dr, Kennewick, discussed how he's presented the school-based clinic code amendment in other local jurisdictions, Kennewick and Pasco, and that they had approved. Tri-Cities Community Health (TCCH) has partnered with Richland School District (RSD) regarding the proposed school-based clinic, and Mr. Knutzen advised that representatives from both TCCH and RSD were present to answer questions.

Tri-Cities Community Health representative Rick Ballard of 4012 Silverlake Ct, West Richland, asked the Planning Commission for their support of the proposed amendments. He stated that he has facilitated the other Tri-Cities school-based health clinics.

Having no other testimony, **Chairman Palmer** closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. and opened the item for commission discussion.

Commissioner Townsend asked Planning Manager Stevens if any public comments were received after staff report was published. Planning Manager Stevens advised none were received.

Commissioners asked several clarifying question regarding location, service to the community and school district, current programs in Pasco and Kennewick and draft language.

Commissioner Maier and Commissioner Kuehlen spoke in favor of the proposed amendments and proposed school-based clinic. Commissioner Kuehlen asked that the school-based clinic definition be modified to include faculty of Richland School District. Commissioner Maier supported Commissioner Kuehlen's request to update the definition.

Planning Manager Stevens provided a suggested revision to the definition.

Paul Knutzen agreed with Planning Manager Stevens' revision.

COMMISSIONER MAIER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS AND REVISED DEFINITION AS DISCUSSED. COMMISSIONER KUEHLEN SECONDED THE MOTION. PASSED 6-0.

Communications:

Planning Manager Stevens confirmed a Planning Commission meeting will be necessary on March 25, 2020 due to a planned agenda item.

Adjournment:

Chairman Palmer adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Briana Ghbein, Permit Technician

REVIEWED BY: Mike Stevens, Planning Manager