



**MINUTES OF THE
EL SEGUNDO VIRTUAL PLANNING COMMISSION
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
February 25, 2021**

A. Call to Order

Chair Baldino virtually called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Baldino led the pledge.

C. Roll Call

Present via teleconferencing: Chair Baldino
Present via teleconferencing: Commissioner Keldorf
Present via teleconferencing: Commissioner Hoeschler

Absent: Vice Chair Newman

D. Public Communications

Received four email communications with regards to item #1 EA-1301; requesting it be read into the record.

1. Tracy Miller Zarnegie, Chair of the El Segundo Environmental Committee stated she wanted to remove beekeeping from the municipal code list, and to allow bee keeping to take place in El Segundo in alignment with Los Angeles County permit regulations. She communicated that neighboring cities that have long allowed beekeeping include Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Culver City, Palos Verdes, Torrance & Santa Monica. Tracy also stated that bees pollinate 80% of the world's plants, which means they are a crucial player in sustainability and need protected existence wherever possible. Tracy communicated she believed the overall impact of allowing beekeeping in our community would be environmentally positive without requiring additional ordinances.

E. Consent Calendar

None.

F. Call Items from Consent Calendar – N/A

None.

G. Written Communications (other than what is included in Agenda packets)

H. New Business – Public Hearing

1. EA 1301 – Zone Text Amendment to Allow Beekeeping on Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoned Properties. (JA/ES)

Project Address: Single-Family Residential (R-1) zoned properties (Environmental

Jasmine Allen, Senior Management Analyst from Public Works provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Zone Text Amendment that included the following information:

- In July 2020, an El Segundo resident had approached the Environmental Committee with a request to amend City's Municipal Code and allow Residential Beekeeping.
- The resident, along with the Environmental Committee, presented the request to Council during the October 6th, 2020 Council Meeting.
- Council passed a motion to authorize staff to research considering a Residential Bee Keeping program in the City.

Ms. Allen highlighted the standards of the proposed amendment, which included limiting the beehives to the rear yard areas of single-family residential property; allowing up to a maximum of three beehives for non-commercial purposes; and any person intending to place and maintain any bee hive on a single-family residential property must comply with all State and County of Los Angeles laws, including, but not limited to, registration of both the beekeeper and the apiary.

Commission discussion ensued regarding LA County regulations for beehives, LA County regulation examples and bee-keeping permits.

Motion made by Chair Baldino to adopt resolution 2891 for a proposed ordinance amending the Municipal Code to allow beekeeping on single family residential R1 zone properties throughout the city. Motion to approve passed, 3-0.

2. EA-1240 Zone Text Amendment to update the planning permit review process (PS)

Project Address: Citywide
Applicant: City of El Segundo

Chair Baldino motioned this item be tabled to the next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2021. Motion to approve 3-0

I. Continued Business – Public Hearing
None

J. Report from Director of Development Services or designee

Development Services Director Sam Lee reported the March 11th meeting will be adjourned, and the next meeting will take place March 25th. He also reported that there were several vacancies in the City for commission spots

K. Other Business
None.

L. Report from the City Attorney's office
None.

M. Planning Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Hoeschler commented that caseloads for planning commission have been kind of light, as opposed to before. He also inquired about the approval process for topics before items come before the board for discussion.

Sam commented that in the coming months, there will be lots of projects for the planning commission to tackle and explained the streamlining process for topics to come before the Board.

N. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm; next meeting scheduled for March 25, 2021 @5:30 pm.



Michael Allen, Development Services Director



Ryan Baldino, Commission Chair