

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF FONTANA  
REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
May 3, 2016  
Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers**

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**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

**A. Call To Order/Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the City of Fontana Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. Chairperson Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Garcia, Vice Chairperson Meyer, Secretary Quiroga, Commissioner Gongora, and Commissioner Sanchez.

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Victor Ponto; Planning Manager Zai AbuBakar; Associate Planner Catherine Lin; City Clerk Tonia Lewis, and Planning Commission Secretary Ysela Aguirre.

**INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**A. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Following the Invocation given by Vice Chairperson Meyer, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Gongora.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. Public Communications:**

Tressy Capps spoke on Toll Free IE, Fontana's growth, Climate Action Plan, and Westgate. She urged everyone to get involved. She invited everyone to visit the YouTube page, Grindall61.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**A. Approval of Minutes:**

Approve the Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2016.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2016, Planning Commission Meeting with

a correction to the word “statics” to “status” on page 5 of 10. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

### **A. Master Case No. 15-002 - Climate Action Plan - A request to open the hearing to hear legal analysis; and a request to continue the item to May 17, 2016 (Continued from November 17, 2015).**

Catherine Lin, Associate Planner, provided the staff report

Ms. Michelle Ouellette of Best, Best & Krieger, City Attorney's Office, provided a legal analysis regarding the Draft Climate Action Plan.

Discussion was held on the analysis of making the Climate Action Plan part of the General Plan Update.

Discussion was held on the Climate Action Plan not being required by law.

Discussion was held on requiring a greenhouse gas assessment for each project.

Discussion was held on projects in the pipeline that have not had CEQA process analyzed.

Discussion was held on the Climate Action Plan providing a solid foundation to the analysis.

Discussion was held on the General Plan Update and a CEQA document being two different things.

Discussion was held on the Climate Action Plan providing a standardized framework.

Discussion was held on what cost goes to developer.

Discussion was held on whether or not the City standards already exceeding state requirements.

Discussion was held on how the Climate Action Plan would streamline the development process.

Discussion was held on the difficulty of a negative declaration without a Climate Action Plan.

Discussion was held on any increase or decrease in associated costs with a Climate Action Plan.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Kathy Ponce spoke on CEQA being waved when a high density unit is near a transportation base; 51% of the CAP is about transportation; cities that do not have a Climate Action Plan; cities that have alternates to a Climate Action Plan; money paid to

SCAG and SANBAG; and the City already meeting state requirements. She thanked the City for issuing the letter that her questions are going to be looked at; and she hopes all questions are answered. She is discouraged on how the City is handling the Climate Action Plan and shared how Rancho Cucamonga is handling their meetings.

Vice Chairperson Meyer shared that a letter was received from Mr. Titus.

Matt Slowik spoke on working with Michelle Ouellette. He asked if an EIR is performed that covers Greenhouse Gas in the current General Plan Update, would the EIR recommend measures necessary to mitigate Greenhouse Gas. He spoke on the City considering alternatives to the Climate Action Plan since it is not legally required. He asked if the City has a General Plan Amendment that includes an EIR report analysis of Greenhouse Gas that established mitigation measures, can the City tier off of that in lieu of a Climate Action Plan. He asked if the cost to developers for having an EIR or CEQA analysis would change under the Climate Action Plan. He spoke on there being positives and negatives to a Climate Action Plan. He spoke on potential alternatives better suited to the City of Fontana. He spoke on large scale projects versus small scale projects.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Discussion was held on tiering off of the General Plan Update instead of a Climate Action Plan.

Discussion was held on the mitigation measures of smaller projects versus larger projects.

Discussion was held on the Climate Action Plan being a part of the General Plan Update.

Discussion was held on the expense of the Climate Action Plan; no more will be spent to adopt the Climate Action Plan.

Discussion was held the General Plan lasting 20 years.

Discussion was held on Greenhouse Gas being reduced to 1990 levels by 2030.

Discussion was held on not spending any more money if we are not moving forward with this plan.

Discussion was held on monitoring the Climate Action Plan.

Discussion was held on the benefits of a Climate Action Plan besides the grants.

Staff clarified that one project was used as a sample and it exceeded state standards, but to say the City already exceeds the requirements on all projects may not be not an accurate statement.

Discussion was held on a cost savings analysis if we do or do not accept the Climate Action Plan. Staff has previously provided this information and will present it again on May 17, 2016.

Discussion was held on staff providing a costs savings of not having a Climate Action Plan versus having a Climate Action Plan.

Discussion was held on staff providing information from other cities that are not adopting a Climate Action Plan and those that have approved a Climate Action Plan and what they have done.

Staff will return with more information at the May 17, 2016, Planning Commission meeting.

Discussion was held on the percentage of the Climate Action Plan is related to development.

Commissioner Gongora requested information on the grants.

Discussion was held on backing out of the Climate Action Plan once it is adopted.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Vice Chairperson Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Gongora to continue this item to the June 7, 2016, Planning Commission Meeting with direction to staff to return with previously provided information and answers to questions posed this evening. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

## **DIRECTOR COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **A. Director Communications:**

Planning Commission reviewed an update of future City Council Agenda items for the May 10, 2016, and May 16, 2016, meetings for the Planning Commission's information; and an update of future Planning Commission items for the May 17, 2016 and June 7, 2016, meetings for the Planning Commission's information.

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

### **A. Planning Commission Remarks:**

Commissioner Quiroga is honored to be on the Planning Commission and wants to get things right.

Commissioner Quiroga spoke to his students about still being in school and to continue to show up on time, prepared and with a positive attitude.

Commissioner Gongora is honored to be on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Gongora spoke on Mental Health Awareness Month.

Commissioner Gongora wished everyone a good evening.

Vice Chairperson Meyer congratulated the City on the recent population estimate of 210 thousand.

Vice Chairperson Meyer spoke on cities growing faster than we did and this Commission should be proud on the type of growth we have had.

Vice Chairperson Meyer wished everyone a good evening.

Commissioner Sanchez appreciates everyone's input on making decisions for the City. He wants to do this part for his responsibility to the City. He encouraged everyone to come to the Planning meeting on May 17, 2016, and be heard.

Commissioner Sanchez is proud to attend his son's Police Academy graduation.

Commissioner Sanchez spoke on Chamber of Commerce Police Officer Awards event; new incoming Chamber of Commerce President, Phil Cothran; and encouraged everyone to support local businesses.

Chairperson Garcia thanked Miss Ouellette and Miss Lin for answering all of the Commission's questions.

Chairperson Garcia wished everyone a good evening.

City Clerk Tonia Lewis wished everyone a good evening.

## **WORKSHOP:**


None.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

By consensus, the Planning Commission adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the Regular Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

  
Ysela Aguirre, Commission Secretary

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
ON THE 17th DAY OF MAY, 2016.**

  
Peter Garcia, Chairperson