

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY OF
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION**

December 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the Zoom webinar meeting to order at 6 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chair de Arakal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Byron de Arakal, Commissioner Kedarious Colbert, Commissioner Marc Perkins, Commissioner Dianne Russell, Commissioner Jenna Tourje, Commissioner Jon Zich

Officials Present: Acting Director of Economic and Development Services Jennifer Le, Assistant City Attorney Tarquin Preziosi, Interim City Engineer Bart Mejia, Assistant Planner Chris Yeager, City Clerk Brenda Green, and Recording Secretary Julie Colgan

ELECTION OF OFFICER:

- 1. Selection of Vice Chairperson:** Planning Commission Chair declares nominations open for Vice Chairperson and calls for Commission vote.

Chair de Arakal declared that the position of Vice Chair is vacant and asked for nomination of Vice Chair.

Chair de Arakal motions to appoint and nominate Commissioner Tourje as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Zich motions to nominate Commissioner Colbert for Vice Chair.

The Chair asked for a second on his motion. No second was provided.

The Commission considered Commissioner Zich's motion and Chair de Arakal seconded the motion.

Commissioner Zich explained his motion for Commissioner Colbert as Vice Chair.

The Chair opened public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

MOVED/SECOND: Zich/de Arakal

MOTION: Nominate Commissioner Colbert for Vice Chair.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: de Arakal, Colbert, Perkins, Russell, Tourje, Zich
Nays: None
Absent: None
Recused: None
Motion carried: 6-0

ACTION: Nominated Commissioner Colbert as Vice Chair of the Planning Commission.

Vice Chair Colbert provided comments on being selected as Vice Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chair de Arakal read a brief statement into the record regarding COVID-19 and how the public can participate in the meeting.

Presentation recognizing Senior Planner Mel Lee for his service to the City.

Ms. Le presented a slideshow recognizing Mr. Lee for his service to the City.

Mr. Lee provided comments on his retiring.

Commissioners congratulated Mr. Lee on his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Minoo Ashabi, City's Principal Planner, spoke on Mr. Lee retiring.

The Chair closed public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

The Chair closed public comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

Commissioner Russell wished everyone a happy holiday and spoke on staying safe during COVID.

Commissioner Tourje thanked staff, the public and Commissioners for meeting the needs of the City during COVID and recommended shopping locally to support the community.

Commissioner Zich spoke on the COVID vaccine being distributed today; today's electoral college voting; the efforts made to pass the emergency COVID relief bill; and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Commissioner Colbert spoke on how the minutes reminded him of the experiences the Commission has dealt with this year and working thought it together; wished everyone happy holidays and happy new year; and spoke on continuing to practice gratitude.

Chair de Arakal spoke on how city staff, City Council and Commission have been able to move the City forward this year; on his appreciation for his fellow Commissioners willingness to serve; thanked city staff for their hard work; encouraged everyone to take measures to be COVID safe during the holidays and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Commissioner Perkins wished everyone a happy holiday; spoke on the crash off Arlington Drive that ended the life of Noel Bascon; and on ways to make City streets safer like adopting the Vision Zero safety project.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2020

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of a meeting of the Planning Commission held on June 8, 2020.

2. MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 27, 2020

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of a special meeting of the Planning Commission held on May 27, 2020.

3. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF MAY 11, 2020

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of a meeting of the Planning Commission held on May 11, 2020.

4. MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2020

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of a meeting of the Planning Commission held on April 13, 2020.

No public comments.

MOVED/SECOND: Russell/Perkins

MOTION: Move the item.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: de Arakal, Colbert, Perkins, Russell, Tourje, Zich

Nays: None

Absent: None

Recused: None

Motion carried: 6-0

ACTION: Planning Commission approved the Consent Calendar Items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT(S)

1. Public Services Report – Mr. Mejia provided an update on the City’s first permanent shelter and on the Lions Park playground project.
2. Development Services Report – Ms. Le provided a Housing Element update.

CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE REPORT(S)

1. City Attorney – Mr. Preziosi had no report but wanted to congratulate Vice Chair Colbert on his new role as Vice Chairperson; thanked Mr. Lee for his service to the City; and wished everyone happy holidays.

Chair de Arakal asked Mr. Preziosi to pay attention on the new housing legislation that will happen in the next few months.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:50 PM

Submitted by:



JENNIFER LE, SECRETARY
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION