



**Planning Commission
Minutes**

Regular Planning Commission
Meeting of April 1, 2024
IN PERSON AND ONLINE MEETING
<https://www.nationalcityca.gov/webcast>
LIVE WEBCAST
Council Chambers, Civic Center
1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA 91950

These minutes have been abbreviated. Video recordings of the full proceedings are on file and available to the public.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Miller at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Commissioners Absent: Valenzuela.

Staff Also Present: Director of Community Development Carlos Aguirre, Assistant Director of Community Development Martin Reeder, Deputy City Attorney Ashlin Y. Lutes, Associate Planner David Welch, and Executive Secretary Sarah Esendencia.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance by Commissioner Sanchez.

ROLL CALL

1. Approval of Excused or Unexcused Absence of Commissioner Valenzuela from the March 18, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Armenta, second by Castle, to excuse Commissioner Valenzuela from the March 18, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Valenzuela.

Motion approved.

2. Approval of Excused or Unexcused Absence of Commissioner Valenzuela from the April 1, 2024 meeting.

Motion by Castle, second by Armenta, to excuse Commissioner Valenzuela from the April 1, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Valenzuela.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. Approval of Agenda for the Meeting on April 1, 2024.

Motion by Castle, second by Sanchez, to approve the Agenda for the Meeting on April 1, 2024.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Valenzuela.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of December 4, 2023.

Motion by Castle, second by Sanchez, to approve the Minutes from the Meeting of December 4, 2023.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: Forman.

Absent: Valenzuela.

Motion approved.

5. Approval of Minutes from the Meeting of March 18, 2024.

Motion by Castle, second by Armenta, to approve the Minutes from the Meeting of March 18, 2024.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: Forman.

Absent: Valenzuela.

Motion approved.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. CONTINUED Public Hearing – Determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 3 of the CEQA guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and Zone Variance to allow a new single-family home to deviate from requirements for minimum lot area, minimum yard setbacks, the location of parking spaces, and maximum height on East 4th Street.

Associate Planner, David Welch made a PowerPoint presentation.

Applicant, Estela Clark and Arturo Marron were present and answered questions Commissioners had.

Commissioner Quinones discloses that she has walked by.

Commissioner Armenta discloses that she has driven by and done a site inspections.

Vice-Chair Castle discloses that she has driven by and done a site inspections.

Chair Miller discloses that he has driven by, done a site inspection, and viewed the the location via Google Earth.

Motion by Castle, second by Armenta, to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Valenzuela.

Motion approved.

Motion by Castle, second by Sanchez, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03, a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of National City, California, determining that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 3 of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) and approving a zone variance to allow a single-family home to deviate from requirements for minimum lot area, minimum yard setbacks, the location of parking spaces, and minimum height at a vacant property on East 4th Street. Case File No. 2023-17 Z APN: 557-050-32.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Valenzuela.

Motion approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Legal Council: None.

Director of Community Development: Welcomes and introduces himself as the Director of Community Development.

Assistant Director of Community Development: States that there will not be a meeting on April 15th due to lack of agenda items. Discloses that Fire Marshall, Hernandez, is available to conduct a Chamber Safety Briefing with the

Commissioners who were not able to attend the first time. If a Commissioner is interested, they can reach out to Assistant Director of Community Development, Martin Reeder.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Castle: States that she would like to attend the safety briefing and states that she would like to confirm that she would like to attend.

Commissioner Armenta: Welcomes aboard Commissioner Forman.

Commissioner Quinones: Welcomes Commissioner Forman.

Commissioner Sanchez: Welcomes Commissioner Forman.

Commissioner Forman: Thanks everyone for welcoming her to the Planning Commission and shares that she has worked in urban planning and have recently moved to National City.


Commissioner Valenzuela: Absent.

Chair Miller: Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Miller adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of National City, Monday, April 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


Sarah Esendencia, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2024.


Martin Miller, Chair