

**CITY OF CHICO PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
March 7, 2019**

Municipal Center
421 Main Street
Council Chambers

Commissioners Present: Toni Scott, Chair
Lupita Arim-Law
John Howlett
Ken Rensink

Commissioners Absent: Dennis Deromedi
Bryce Goldstein
Richard Ober

Staff Members Present: Bruce Ambo, AICP, Principal Planner
Matt Johnson, Senior Development Engineer
Stephanie Lawson, Administrative Analyst

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Scott called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

- 1.1 Chair Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.2 Commission members and staff were present as noted.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 *Commissioner Howlett moved to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2018 meeting.
Commissioner Arim-Law seconded the motion which passed 4-0-3 (Deromedi, Goldstein, and Ober absent).*

3. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Public Hearing Guidelines

- 1. *Announcement of Ex Parte Communications*
- 2. *Staff report (up to 15 Minutes)*
- 3. *Commission discussion and/or questions of staff (10 minutes)*
- 4. *Open hearing for public input (generally no longer than 60 minutes, but as determined by the Commission):*
 - *Appellant/Applicant – 10 minutes*
 - *Additional Speakers – 45 minutes*
 - *Appellant/Applicant Rebuttal – 3 minutes, if granted*
- 5. *Close the hearing to the public*
- 6. *Commission discussion, motion and vote (20 minutes, or as determined by Commission)*

Ex Parte Communications for Item 3.1

None.

- 3.1 Disaster Recovery Permit Ordinance for Temporary Structures and Uses – Citywide:** On December 4, 2018, the City Council adopted an emergency ordinance adding Chapter 19.76.210 to Title 19 of the Chico Municipal Code regarding Disaster Recovery Structures and Uses in response to the devastation of the Camp Fire. Chico, as the largest neighboring city with commercial, institutional and residential infrastructure and services saw an unprecedented influx of Camp Fire evacuees in need of a wide range of emergency and nonemergency services, and particularly temporary housing. Pursuant to Section 612 of the Chico Municipal Charter the emergency ordinance is limited to an interim 6-month period. As a replacement to the interim emergency ordinance, the proposed ordinance includes minor changes and clarifications, and allows for temporary housing or facilities to be located on vacant or developed land with a temporary Disaster Recovery Permit. The ordinance would be temporary and in effect for five (5) years. The Planning Commission is being requested to make a recommendation of approval of the ordinance to the City Council. The City Council will consider the ordinance at a publicly noticed meeting in April 2019. Questions regarding this project may be directed to Principal Planner Bruce Ambo at (530) 879-6801, or bruce.ambo@chicoca.gov.

Principal Planner Ambo presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commission.

Chair Scott opened the public hearing at 6:12 pm.

With no members of the public wishing to address the Commission, Chair Scott closed the public hearing at 6:12 pm.

Commissioner Howlett commented on the positive aspects of the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Howlett moved that the Planning Commission adopt Resolution No. 19-03 recommending City Council adoption of the Disaster Recovery Permit Ordinance for Temporary Structures and Uses.

Commissioner Arim-Law commented on the quality of the report and appreciated the thorough information.

Chair Scott requested quarterly updates on the use of Disaster Recovery Permits and how effective they are within the community.

Chair Arim-Law seconded the motion which passed 4-0-3 (Deromedi, Goldstein, and Ober absent).

4. REGULAR AGENDA

None.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Community member, Jami Byers, addressed the board regarding Disaster Recovery funding and Updates to the General Plan. Principal Planner Ambo answered Byers questions and recommended Byers follow City Council meetings for updated information. Commissioner Arim-Law encouraged Byers to reach out to City Council for information.

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Principal Planner Ambo welcomed Commissioner Rensink to office. Ambo communicated that the three other new members were at the Planning Commissioner's Academy this week.

Principal Planner Ambo communicated that the next meeting will include an ADU Workshop and will also include elections for Chair and Vice-Chair. Chair Scott inquired about who would be noticed for the upcoming workshop. Ambo informed board members Display Ads will go out in both the Chico Enterprise Record and Chico News & Review in the next week.

Commissioner Arim-Law addressed City Staff regarding training for members. City Attorney Andrew Jared confirmed the City Clerk is currently setting-up training to take place in the next 3-4 weeks.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business from the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm to the Regular meeting of Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Date Approved

Bruce Ambo, Principal Planner
Community Development Department /
Planning Commission Secretary