

**TWENTYNINE PALMS PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 6136 ADOBE ROAD
TWENTYNINE PALMS, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER-** Chair Easter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Chair Easter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
ROLL CALL- The following Councilmembers were present: Alderson, Benton, Mendoza, Whitten and Easter.

- 2.0 SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Chair Easter announced this meeting will be televised on Cable TV Channel 10 Monday, May 23, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

- 3.0 MINUTES**
 - 3.1 May 3, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

ACTION: On a motion made by Vice Chair Alderson, seconded by Commissioner Whitten and carried with a 5-0 roll call vote, the Planning Commission approved the May 3, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

- 4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR - None**

- 5.0 ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION - None**

- 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

- 7.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS**
 - 7.1 PC – 09-76 An amendment to the Municipal Code and Land Use Tables and Accessory Uses of the City’s Development Code regarding commercial and non-commercial shooting ranges and the discharge of firearms within all zoning districts, citywide.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Planning Commission open the open, continued Public Hearing, receive comments from the public germane to the issue (those that elect not to comment at the Study Session), then continue the Public Hearing to June 7, 2011, following the conclusion of the scheduled Study Session.

Chair Easter opened the Public Hearing.

Community Development Director LaClaire (Director LaClaire) presented a staff report to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Mendoza said on page two (2) of five (5) on line eight (8) of paragraph three (3) there was a typographical error. He said it read “bodily hard” and should be changed to read “bodily harm”.

The following motion was amended after the Study Session; On a motion made by Commissioner Whitten, seconded by Vice Chair Alderson and carried with a 5-0 voice vote, the Planning Commission continued the item to the June 7, 2011 Planning Commission meeting.

The Planning Commission made the final motion after the Study Session as follows.

ACTION: On a motion made by Commissioner Whitten, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza and carried with a 5-0 voice vote, the Planning Commission continued the item to June 21, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting.

8.0 REPORTS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 Commission Discussion of Development Code Section 19.02.100, Subsection "G. Powers of the Planning Commission".

Director LaClaire presented a staff report to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Whitten said he came across this item in the Development Code and in paragraph 1B, the three (3) listed items noting the requirement for the review of public works projects for consistency with the General Plan and also to review discretionary projects and determine consistency with the General Plan, he said he wanted City Council clarification of the roles and responsibilities as noted in the powers section of the Code are for the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Easter said an annual report should be provided by the Planning Commission to the City Council at the end of the year when changing over the Chair and Vice Chair. He said at that time the outgoing Chair can give a report to the citizens of major accomplishments and things the Planning Commission is working on.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Vice Chair Alderson suggested moving the July 5th Planning Commission meeting to July 6th due to the 4th of July holiday.

Consensus of the Planning Commission was to hold the regularly scheduled July 5th, 2011 Planning Commission meeting on July 6th, 2011.

10.0 COMMISSION COMMENTS/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Whitten wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day. He said the final GPAC meeting is on May 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. He thanked staff for its hard work on agenda items and the Study Session.

Chair Easter welcomed back Commissioner Mendoza and thanked the public for attending the meeting.

Director LaClaire said a letter was received from an anonymous person questioning the water treatment plans that were not submitted to Building & Safety for review and Permit. He said because the Water District is a public utility and they are regulated and controlled by the Public Utility Commission (PUC), the City has no control over what they build or where they build it or the standards that it is built by.

He said the office and anything associated with the direct supply of that utility is regulated by the PUC not the City.

11.0 STUDY SESSION/COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

- 11.1 PC 09-76 – A Continued Study Session to consider a possible amendment to the Land Use Tables and Accessory Uses of the City’s Development Code regarding commercial and non-commercial shooting ranges and the discharge of firearms within all zoning districts, citywide.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission review the enclosed language at the Study Session, open to the public, and then provide guidance regarding possible changes to portions of Tables 19.07-A “Permitted and Conditional Uses”, 19.08-A “Permitted and Conditional Uses” 19.09-A “Permitted and Conditional Uses”, 19.10-A “Permitted and Conditional Uses”, 19.12-A “Permitted and Conditional Uses” and 19.14-A “Permitted and Conditional Uses” pertaining to public and private commercial and non-commercial shooting ranges, or like and similar uses, and the discharge of firearms within the City of Twentynine Palms in all residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts, citywide.

Director LaClaire presented a staff report to the Planning Commission.

Walt Kaufman, Twentynine Palms, spoke in opposition of staff’s recommendation.

James Burdett, Twentynine Palms, said the south east residential properties south of Baseline Road and east of Wilshire Road would like to go on record as not wanting a shooting gallery in their neighborhood due to safety and noise factors.

Doug Cooper, Twentynine Palms, said the public needs to be made aware of the Conditional Use Permit requirements.

Steve Donnell, Twentynine Palms, spoke in favor of shooting ranges.

Following discussion and further guidance to staff, it was the consensus of the Commission that an additional Study Session regarding firearm discharge be held at the Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting of June 7, 2011.

ACTION: On a motion made by Vice Chair Alderson, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza and carried with a 5-0 voice vote the Planning Commission approved the reconsideration of the motion on PC 09-76 regarding the continuation of the Public Hearing to the Commission’s regularly scheduled meeting of June 7, 2011.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT- Chair Easter adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Palmer, Deputy City Clerk