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CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE – PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

City Hall, Two Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor, City Council Chambers

Monday, June 28, 2010

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Call to order & establish quorum.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m., Committee Chair Ann Lilly present and presiding and the following Committee Members were present:

- City Representative Susie Byrd
- City Representative Beto O'Rourke
- City Representative Rachel Quintana – Not Present

2. Approval of Minutes for the Planning & Development Legislative Review Committee meeting of March 4, 2010.

No Discussion.

MOTION MADE by City Representative Susie Byrd, seconded by City Representative Beto O'Rourke and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as presented for March 4, 2010. [Approved 3-0]

ITEMS 7, 14 & 15 MOVED TO THE FOREFRONT FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION :

Mr. Victor Morrison-Vega, Development Services presented a PowerPoint presentation on the changes to the International Building Codes & Local Amendments.
[Presentation on File]

7. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.50 (Property Maintenance Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
14. Discussion and action on an Ordinance amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), by adding Chapter 18.40 (Vacant Buildings) to the El Paso City Code, by providing requirements, procedures and fees for the registration and inspection of vacant buildings in the City; to define terms; to provide defenses, an appeal process, and insurance requirements; to provide for the revocation of a certificate of occupancy; to requirement emergency information signage on vacant buildings; to provide for a severability clause; and to create a penalty.
[Economic Development, Kathy Dodson, (915) 541-4670]
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
[Fire Department, Otto Drozd, (915) 771-1000]
15. Discussion and action on an Ordinance amending Title 2 (Administration & Personnel), Chapter 2.38 (Building and Standards Commission) of the El Paso City Code to revise the powers of the Commission to hear appeals filed pursuant to Chapter 18.40 relating to Vacant Building registration and requirements.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]

Comments were made by:

City Representative Susie Byrd
City Representative Beto O'Rourke
City Representative Ann Lilly
Ms. Patricia Aduato, DCM, Development & Infrastructure
Ms. Marie Taylor, City Attorney
Chief Otto Drozd, Fire Department

Public comments made on Item #14 (Vacant Buildings):

Ms. Ana Gonzalez, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Doug Hamilton
Mr. Scott Kesnetz
Mr. Dan Olivas
Mr. Richard Dayoub, Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce

MOTION WAS MADE by City Representative O'Rourke, seconded by City Representative Byrd and unanimously carried that staff's presentation clearly present the problem better; identify the cost impact and the unintended consequences; add a consideration to the days and percentage of vacancy of the building. Staff will present the item at the City Council meeting on July 20th in order to give staff adequate time to consider the public input received and the comments presented by the LRC members. [Approved 3-0]

3. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Fire Code and amending Title 9 (Health & Safety), Chapter 9.52 (Fire Prevention Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
[Fire Department, Otto Drozd, (915) 771-1000]

Mr. Orlando Arriola, Fire Department, presented the proposed regulations and local amendments.

MOTION WAS MADE by City Representative Byrd, seconded by City Representative O'Rourke, and unanimously carried to approve the proposed Ordinance as presented and forward to the full City Council . [Approved 3-0]

ITEMS 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 WERE PRESENTED TOGETHER FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Mr. Victor Morrison-Vega, Development Services, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the changes to the International Building Codes & individual local amendments.

4. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Building Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.08 (Building Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
5. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Residential Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.10 (Residential Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
6. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Plumbing Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.20 (Plumbing Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]

8. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Mechanical Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.12 (Mechanical Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
9. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.24 (Gas Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
10. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Existing Building Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.28 (Building Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
11. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adopting the 2009 Edition of the International Energy Conservation Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), to add Chapter 18.70 (Energy Conservation Code) to the El Paso City Code and providing for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
12. Discussion and action on an Ordinance adoption the 2008 Edition of the National Electrical Code and amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.16 (Electrical Code) of the El Paso City Code to provide for local amendments.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]
13. Discussion and action on an Ordinance amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.02 (Building and Construction Administrative Code) of the El Paso City Code, by repealing Chapter 18.02 in its entirety and adopting a new Chapter 18.02 in its place.
[Development Services-BP&I, Victor Morrison-Vega, (915) 541-4556]

Comments were made by:

City Representative Susie Byrd

City Representative Beto O'Rourke

City Representative Ann Lilly

Ms. Patricia Aduato, DCM, Development & Infrastructure

Ms. Cynthia Osborn, Assistant City Attorney

Chief Otto Drozd, Fire Department

Public Input :

Randy O'Leary, comments on all codes

Melissa Brandrup, comments on the Energy Code

Robert Garland, comments on Energy Code

Ed McCormick, comments on the Energy Code

MOTION WAS MADE by City Representative Beto O'Rourke, seconded by City Representative Ann Lilly to forward these proposed ordinances to the full City Council for action. [Approved 2-1]

AYES: City Representatives Beto O'Rourke and Ann Lilly.

NAYES: City Representative Susie Byrd.

16. Discussion and action on use of the H + T Affordability Index as a local tool to benchmark costs of housing and transportation to move towards decisions that create more sustainable and equitable growth.
[Representative Susie Byrd, (915) 541-4416]
[Representative Beto O'Rourke, (915) 541-4268]
[Development Services/Planning, Mathew McElroy, (915) 541-4193]

**MOTION WAS MADE by City Representative Beto O'Rourke, seconded by City Representative Susie Byrd and unanimously carried to postpone item #16 for the next Legislative Review Committee meeting.
[Approved 3-0]**

17. Set next meeting date and discussion item(s) for the agenda of the next meeting.

Meeting was scheduled for July 14th @ 9:00 a.m.

18. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: _____
Department Head