



CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE – PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Call to order & establish quorum.

Meeting called to order at 9:07 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 June 28, 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 June 28, 2010. [Approved 3-0]

3. Discussion and action on an Ordinance amending Title 9 (Health & Safety), Chapter 9.52 (Fire Prevention Code), Section 9.52.010 (Adopted), 105.6.34 (Waste Handling), by adding Subsections 105.6.34.1-105.6.34.3 permit requirements for recycling facilities, wrecking yards and junk yards; the penalty as provided in the El Paso City Code Subsections 9.52.030.105.1.1 (Permits Required) and 9.52.030.109.3 (Violation Penalties).

[Fire Department, Otto Drozd, (915) 771-1016]

Michael Calderazzo, Assistant Fire Chief and Orlando Arriola, Assistant Fire Marshal presented the Recycling Facility Ordinance Proposal. [PowerPoint presentation on file]

Comments made by:

City Representative Susie Byrd

City Representative Beto O'Rourke

City Representative Ann Lilly

Ms. Patricia Aduato, DCM, Development & Infrastructure

Public Comments made by:

Mr. Pierre Hernandez

Mr. David Freidman

Mr. Jonathan Hernandez

MOTION MADE by City Representative Susie Byrd, seconded by City Representative Beto O'Rourke and unanimously carried to approve and forward to the full Council the proposed ordinance as presented by staff. Additionally, the LRC requested that a companion item be scheduled for City Council discussion that provides an overview of the requirements for recycling facilities, including provisions for air quality monitoring, handling and processing of by-products, outside storage and containment areas, screening, vibration, and permitting; and that the item allow the City Council to direct Code changes as may be necessary. City Staff was requested to invite all recycling operators to the meeting to participate in the discussion and address concerns raised.

[Approved 3-0]

4. Discussion and action on an Ordinance amending Title 18 (Building & Construction), Chapter 18.44 (Grading), by replacing all of Chapter 18.44 in its entirety.
[Engineering, R. Alan Shubert, (915) 541-4423]

Mr. Alan Shubert, Director, presented the Grading Ordinance Plan . [PowerPoint presentation on file]

Comments made by:

City Representative Susie Byrd

City Representative Beto O'Rourke

City Representative Ann Lilly

Ms. Patricia Adatao, DCM, Development & Infrastructure

Public Comments made by:

Mr. Charlie Wakeem

Ms. Judy Ackerman

Mr. Jorge Ezcarate

Mr. Sal Massoud

MOTION MADE by City Representative Susie Byrd, seconded by City Representative Beto O'Rourke and unanimously carried that staff redefine their proposal and present specific recommendations that include a cost impact of the requirements and present their final proposal to the Legislative Review Committee within 60 days. [Approved 3-0]

5. 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]

Mr. Mathew McElroy, Development Services-Planning, gave a summary on the H + T Index.

[Documentation on Housing + Transportation Affordability in El Paso prepared by the Center for Neighborhood Technology on file]

Comments made by:

City Representative Susie Byrd

City Representative Beto O'Rourke

City Representative Ann Lilly

Ms. Patricia Adatao, DCM, Development & Infrastructure

No Public Comments made.

MOTION MADE BY City Representative Susie Byrd, seconded by City Representative Beto O'Rourke and unanimously carried to recommend that the City Council redefine "affordability" as a measure of both housing and transportation costs (no more than 50% of household income), and that this new definition be applied for purposes of Community Development funding and other policy decisions of the City.
[Approved 3-0]

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

The next LRC meeting will be scheduled pending a quorum.

Items for discussion to include:

- Cohort, Smart Growth recommendation
- Bicycle Parking
- Park/pond issues

7. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: _____
Department Head