

PLANNING COMMISSION Action Minutes

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Regular Hearing
6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers
First Floor, City Hall Wing
200 East Santa Clara Street
San José, California

Anthony Tordillos, Chair
Charles Cantrell, Vice Chair
Louis Barocio Dilpreet Bhandal
Melissa Bickford Justin Lardinois
Pierluigi Oliverio Carlos Rosario
Michael Young

Christopher Burton, Director Planning, Building & Code Enforcement

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AGENDA ORDER OF BUSINESS

WELCOME

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Tordillos, Cantrell, Barocio, Bhandal, Bickford, Lardinois,

Oliverio Rosario and Young.

ABSENT: None

SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ORDERS OF THE DAY

Meeting called to order at: 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

3. DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR

ACTION: COMMISSIONER OLIVERIO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR.

COMMISSIONER CANTRELL SECONDED THE MOTION (9-0)

a. CP23-016, V24-001 & ER20-219 (Administrative Hearing): Conditional Use Permit to allow the removal of 79 trees (35 ordinance-size, 44 non-ordinance-size, and 273 replacement trees) for the construction of two single-story data center buildings totaling approximately 397,205 square feet, an associated approximately 98,600-square-foot electrical substation, an approximately 1,600-square-foot sanitary sewer pump station, an approximately 3,000-square-foot storm drain pump station, an approximately 54,400-square-foot water storage tank, and 224 standby backup generators on an approximately 64.59-gross-acre site, including the removal and relocation of an existing approximately 1,440-square-foot visitor center to the rear of the property and the construction of a new 42-space surface parking area located at the Northwesterly corner of State Route 237 and McCarthy Boulevard (1657Alviso-Milpitas Road) (Microsoft Corporation, Owner). Council District: 4. CEQA: Addendum to the San José Data Center Environmental Impact Report, State Clearinghouse No. 2021020002. *Dropped and renoticed from 3/12/25*.

PROJECT MANAGER, CAMERON GEE

Staff Recommendation:

1. DEFER TO THE APRIL 9, 2025 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING PER STAFF REQUEST.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Review and Approve Action Minutes from March 12, 2025.

ACTION: COMMISSIONER OLIVERIO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 4.A.

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COMMISSIONER BICKFORD SECONDED THE MOTION (9-0)

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5. PUBLIC HEARING

a. CP24-005 & ER24-042 (Administrative Hearing): Conditional Use Permit to allow the conversion of an existing 1,907-square-foot recreation building (Building B) to an approximately 1,742-square-foot single-family residence including a 51-square foot common laundry room, an approximately 529 square-foot addition to an existing 1,432-square-foot recreation Building C, and removal of two non-ordinance size trees located on a 34.27-gross-acre mobile home park site located at approximately 160 feet south of the Saddle Brook Drive and Edenvale Avenue intersection (510 Saddle Brook Drive). (Worthing Family Trust). Council District: 2. CEQA: Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for Existing Facilities. Deferred from 9/25/24 and dropped to be renoticed from 10/9/24. PROJECT MANAGER, RINA SHAH

COMMISSIONER CANTRELL MADE A MOTION TO DENY STAFF RECOMMENDATION, MOTION FAILED.

ACTION: COMMISSIONER YOUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO:

- 1. CONSIDER THE EXEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) GUIDELINES SECTION 15301(A): CLASS 1, FOR EXISTING FACILITIES.
- 2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE CONVERSION OF AN EXISTING 1,907-SQUARE-FOOT RECREATION BUILDING (BUILDING B) TO AN APPROXIMATELY 1,742-SQUARE-FOOT SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE, INCLUDING A 51-SQUARE-FOOT COMMON LAUNDRY ROOM, APPROXIMATELY 529-SQUARE-FOOT ADDITION TO AN EXISTING 1,432-SQUARE FOOT RECREATION BUILDING (BUILDING C), AND THE REMOVAL OF TWO NON-ORDINANCE SIZE TREES LOCATED ON AN APPROXIMATELY 34.27-GROSS-ACRE MOBILE HOME PARK SITE

COMMISSIONER OLIVERIO SECONDED THE MOTION (8-1; CANTRELL OPPOSED)

b. CP24-029 & ER24-213 (Administrative Hearing): Conditional Use Permit to allow the addition of approximately 2,548 square feet of enclosed garage space to an existing approximately 7,369-square foot office building and the conversion of the 9,917-square-foot building to a mental health care in-patient facility (hospital) with up to 48 beds on an approximately 0.41-gross-acre site located on the northwest side of the intersection of Willow Street and Chabrant Way (913 Willow Street). (Linmax Trading & Investment Co.). Council District: 6. CEQA: Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 for Existing Facilities.

PROJECT MANAGER, RINA SHAH

ACTION: COMMISSIONER ROSARIO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO:

- 1. CONSIDER A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15301(A) FOR EXISTING FACILITIES; AND
- 2. ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE ADDITION OF APPROXIMATELY 2,548 SQUARE FEET OF ENCLOSED GARAGE SPACE TO AN EXISTING APPROXIMATELY 7,369-SQUARE FOOT OFFICE BUILDING AND THE CONVERSION OF THE 9,917-SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING TO A MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN-PATIENT

FACILITY (HOSPITAL) WITH UP TO 48 BEDS ON AN APPROXIMATELY 0.41-GROSS-ACRE SITE

COMMISSIONER YOUNG SECONDED THE MOTION (9-0)

6. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES

No items

7. GOOD AND WELFARE

a. Report from City Council

The Commission Secretary reported on City Council action taken on March 11, 2025.

b. Subcommittee Formation, Reports, and Outstanding Business

Commission Secretary introduced new Planning Deputy Director Manira Sandhir to the Commissioners.

- c. Commission Calendar and Study Sessions.
 - Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget Special Meeting/Study Session select either May 7, 2025 (special meeting date currently not calendared) or May 14, 2025 to conduct the annual CIP Budget Study Session. The Public Record

Commissioners requested to have the CIP Budget Special Meeting/Study Session on March 14, 2025.

d. The Public Record

Commissioner Young made a request to hear back from the City's Clerks Office regarding zoom access for residents to make public comment, as he receives many requests to be able to join via zoom.

Commissioner Lardinois agreed there should be an update at a future Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner Lardinois also stated his concern on the City Clerk's office removing public comment in early 2024 & said that a solution would be in place to bring it back by June of 2024 & it is now almost June of 2025 & it still has not happened.

Chair Tordillos commented that if the City Clerk's office is waiting for direction from City Council, that it is recommendation the Commissioners concerns should be recorded into the minutes of this meeting so their request may be passed along.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.