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CITY OF CHICO INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

The Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for
February 10, 2021 has been cancelled.



The next regular meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee is
scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in
Conference Room 1, unless otherwise noted.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers Denlay, Tandon, and Chair Reynolds
Meeting of March 10, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: *This meeting was conducted in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20.* Members of the public could virtually attend the meeting using the City's Zoom platform.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Debbie Presson, City Clerk

B. PEDI-CAB BAR PUB CRAWL (HATCHET HOUSE)

At its meeting of 12/15/20, the Council voted to refer to the Internal Affairs Committee a discussion regarding a pedi-cab bar pub crawl (Hatchet House).

Chair Reynolds reported that she carried this request forward for Arianna Mathiopoulos, the owner of the Hatchet House.

Ms. Mathiopoulos provided an overview of her vision for pedi-cab pub crawl. The bicycle would seat approximately 12 people and would travel at up to 15 mph. The route would include stops at 3-4 locations, staying at each one for about 20-30 minutes, and would take a about an hour and a half to two hours to complete. She would like it to be family oriented, and travel through Bidwell Park.

Chair Reynolds asked Public Works Director Brendan Ottoboni what it would take for the City to approve this type of thing.

Director Ottoboni stated Sacramento does something similar and staff could look at it. Also, the City's vendor, Dixon, could look at different ordinances and the City's code, and come back with some possible code amendments that would allow for the use, determine appropriate application and fees.

Councilmember Denlay stated she likes the idea. She stated that SB 543 has very specific regulations and Sacramento has pages of regulations to follow and wants to ensure that the City follows the regulations.

There was a consensus among the Committee to forward a recommendation to Council to move forward with Dixon researching and bringing back an ordinance with potential code amendments and for staff to provide an estimated cost associated with creating the ordinance to provide to Council.

C. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None

D. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

Chair Reynolds inquired if this meeting day and time worked for the other Committee members. Councilmember Tandon stated that Mondays at 2:00 p.m. work best for her. Councilmember Denlay agreed.

The consensus of the Committee was to hold future Internal Affairs Committee meetings on the first Monday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m. to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by:


Dani M. Rogers, Deputy City Clerk



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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

The Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for
April 5, 2021 has been cancelled.



The next regular meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee is
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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

The Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for
May 3, 2021 has been cancelled.



The next regular meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee is
scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference
Room 1, unless otherwise noted.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers Denlay, Tandon, and Chair Reynolds

Special Meeting of May 17, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting was held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm with all Committee members present.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. REVIEW OF RENTAL REGISTRY AND SEX TRAFFICKING ORDINANCE

City Manager Mark Orme provided a history of these items and requested that the Committee determine if they were still a priority with the Council and provide direction to staff.

A motion was made by Chair Reynolds and seconded by Councilmember Denlay to recommend to Council to stop pursuing the rental registry and the sex trafficking ordinance. The motion carried (3-0).

B. CODE ENFORCEMENT PRESENTATION

Community Development Director Brendan Vieg provided a report to the Committee regarding code enforcement procedures and activities. Code Enforcement Officers Charlene Durkin and James LeDonne answered questions regarding the enforcement process and compliance. Director Vieg stated that in-regards-to the boarded-up buildings in downtown, he believes the tools are in place to enforce the code, however, they have taken a cooperative approach since businesses have taken such a hit with COVID. Code Enforcement Officers have met with the building owners/tenants to determine a timeline for completion of the work.

Committee members discussed the possibility of encouraging a beautification program for those buildings that will be boarded up for an extended period of time.

The Committee also discussed the number of animal calls. Code Enforcement Officer Durkin stated that “hooved” animal calls make up the majority of the animal calls. She stated that while there are standards in the code regarding animals, perhaps there needs to be a review of the definition and revision of the animal keeping standards.

Addressing the Committee on this item was Katy Toma.

The Committee recommends that the Council provided direction to staff to research beautification programs for boarded up buildings in surrounding communities and the possibility of an “adopt a business” program for opportunities for Art projects. The Committee would also like staff to come back with some proposed guidelines for boarded up buildings, including the amount of time they can remain boarded up and requirements for aesthetics.

The Committee also recommends that staff be directed to research possible changes in the animal keeping standards section of the code, including updates to the space requirements, definition of “small” animals, and possible changes in the set-back requirements and to return to the Internal Affairs Committee with proposed changes.

C. HOUSING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Community Development Director Brendan Vieg provided a report and brief history of the Housing Development Ad Hoc Committee report and the elements adopted by Council.

Director Vieg stated that each of the elements highlighted in the Housing Ad Hoc Committee report with the exception of the 'Inclusionary Zoning element" are part of the ongoing work of the Community Development & Public Works Engineering Departments in implementation of the General Plan. He reported that he had successfully met with the Butte County Airport Land Use Commission to discuss amendments to their land use calculations, there are several affordable housing projects that are currently in the permitting process or that will break ground soon, the housing element update is well underway, the Chico Municipal Code has been updated to reflect the State's changing requirements regarding Accessory Dwelling Units, and several infrastructure grants have been applied for and received.

Members of the public addressing the Committee on this item were Katy Toma.

A motion by Chair Reynolds was seconded by Councilmember Denlay, to recommend to the Council to direct staff to continue to work through the recommendations and to provide the Council additional information regarding Inclusionary Zoning when they provide the Housing Element update. Motion carried (3-0).

D. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

E. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m. to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

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June 7, 2021 has been cancelled.



The next regular meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee is
scheduled for Monday, July 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference
Room 1, unless otherwise noted.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers Denlay, Tandon, and Chair Reynolds

Special Meeting of June 21, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm with Councilmember Denlay and Chair Reynolds present.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. DOWNTOWN CARD ROOM DISCUSSION

Community Development Director Vieg provided a brief overview regarding the zoning districts where cardrooms are currently allowed and the previous request by Mr. Scott to allow a cardroom downtown. Director Vieg stated that not only are cardrooms limited with land use codes in the Title 19 section of the municipal code but also Ch 5.32 of the Chico Municipal Code specifically addresses cardrooms. He stated it would require a change in both sections of the municipal code to allow cardrooms in any other area of town. He went on to state that while some code changes are initiated by city staff, situations such as this where a specific business would benefit, generally the business is required to submit an application and required fees to request a Code amendment. He also cautioned that while the Committee and ultimately the Council could express their openness to considering a code amendment, it would be premature to provide approval prior to the application going through the full review process which includes staff review, Planning Commission approval and multiple opportunities for public input.

Addressing the Committee on this item was John Scott.

A motion by Chair Reynolds was seconded by Councilmember Denlay to recommend to Council to direct staff to report back to Council with more information regarding the specific process required to allow a cardroom downtown and get a determination from the City Attorney whether a Community Benefit Agreement or a Development Agreement would be more appropriate to accommodate the potential proposal from Mr. Scott. Motion carried (2-0-1, Tandon Absent)

Councilmember Tandon joined the meeting via phone.

B. DISCUSSION OF SERVICES OFFERED IN EACH DISTRICT

Homeless Solutions Coordinator, Suzi Kochems provided a brief overview of the data regarding service providers, types of services and the districts in which they are located. Community Development Director Vieg provided information regarding the land use component of the services and what is allowed by right in specific zoning districts.

Addressing the Committee on this item was Kate Leyden.

A motion by Chair Reynolds was seconded by Councilmember Denlay to continue this discussion to a later date, after hearing the presentation to the Council by the Hope Street Coalition. Motion carried (3-0).

C. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF MEETING

The Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for
Monday, November 1, 2021 has been cancelled.



The next regular meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee is
scheduled for Monday, December 6, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in
Conference Room 1, unless otherwise noted.

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

A Committee of the Chico City Council: Councilmembers O'Brien, Tandon, and Chair Reynolds

Meeting of December 6, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm with Councilmember Tandon, and Chair Reynolds present. Councilmember O'Brien was absent.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. RECONSIDERATION OR DISCUSSION OF PRIOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Chair Reynolds explained that the recommendations that are being reconsidered, have not been voted on by Council and due to the reconfiguration of the Council and subsequently the Internal Affairs Committee, it was decided to reconsider these items.

A. REVIEW OF RENTAL REGISTRY AND SEX TRAFFICKING ORDINANCE (May 17, 2021 IAC meeting)

A motion was made by Chair Reynolds and seconded by Councilmember Tandon to recommend to Council to stop pursuing the rental registry and the sex trafficking ordinance. The motion carried (2-0-1, O'Brien absent).

B. CODE ENFORCEMENT PRESENTATION (May 17, 2021 IAC meeting)

Chair Reynolds reported that she had discussed this item with Code Enforcement Supervisor Charlene Durkin, who indicated there was a presentation she felt the Committee would benefit from seeing prior to making a recommendation on this item.

A motion was made by Chair Reynolds and seconded by Councilmember Tandon to postpone discussion of this item to allow for the presentation Supervisor Durkin suggested. The motion carried (2-0-1, O'Brien absent).

C. HOUSING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (May 17, 2021 IAC meeting)

Community Development Director Brendan Vieg reiterated that each of the elements highlighted in the Housing Ad Hoc Committee report with the exception of the 'Inclusionary Zoning element" are part of the ongoing work of the Community Development & Public Works Engineering Departments in the General Plan update and implementation.

A motion by Chair Reynolds was seconded by Councilmember Tandon, to recommend to the Council to direct staff not to pursue the Inclusionary Zoning element. The motion carried (2-0-1, O'Brien absent).

D. DOWNTOWN CARD ROOM DISCUSSION (June 21, 2021 IAC meeting)

Community Development Director Vieg provided a brief review of the information provided to the Committee. He went on to state that the standard process for a code amendment such as this, where a specific business would benefit, begins with the business submitting an application and required fees to request a Code amendment. He also cautioned that while the Committee and ultimately the Council could express their openness to considering a code amendment, it would be premature to provide approval prior to the application going through the full process which includes staff review, Planning Commission approval and multiple opportunities for public input.

A motion by Chair Reynolds was seconded by Councilmember Tandon to recommend to Council to provide general direction as to whether Jon Scott should submit the appropriate applications and fees to pursue an amendment to the City's Municipal Code that would allow card rooms in the Downtown North zoning district subject to a use permit and through that process staff will work with the City Attorney's Office to determine the best mechanism to accommodate Mr. Scott's proposed revenue enhancement plan. The motion carried (2-0-1, O'Brien absent).

E. DISCUSSION OF SERVICES OFFERED IN EACH DISTRICT (June 21, 2021 IAC meeting)

This item was previously postponed until after the Hope Street Coalition report is presented to Council, no further action was necessary.

2. PEDI-CAB BAR PUB CRAWL (HATCHET HOUSE) (March 10, 2021 IAC meeting)

The Committee discussed the process for this code amendment and determined it would be similar to the card room item. Community Development Director Vieg stated that while the card room involves an amendment of the existing code, this item would be creating a section that specifically addresses Pedi-Cabs. He reiterated that typically that process would be initiated by the business, not by staff. Since this use would require a new section in the code it would require a study of cities that allow this type of business and the code sections associated with that use.

A motion by Chair Reynolds was seconded by Councilmember Tandon to recommend to Council to direct staff to advise Ms. Mathiopoulos that she should submit the appropriate applications and fees if she would like to pursue a code amendment to allow a pedi-cab permit for downtown. The motion carried (2-0-1, O'Brien absent).

3. COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND TIME

It was confirmed that the Internal Affairs Committee will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month, and the time has been changed to 4:00 pm.

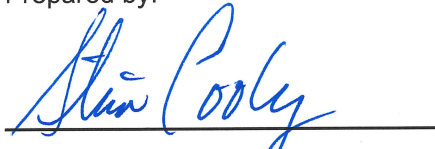
4. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

5. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. to the next regular Internal Affairs Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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Stina Cooley, City Clerk Technician