



CHICO
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL CENTER – 421 MAIN STREET – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Chico

PLANNING COMMISSION

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Time Limit:

Presentations should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless otherwise determined by the Chair.

A speaker may not defer his/her time to other speakers.

Groups or organizations are encouraged to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Each subsequent speaker is encouraged to submit new information, rather than repeating comments made by prior speakers.

Written Material:

The Planning Commission may not have sufficient time to fully review written materials presented at the public hearing. Interested parties are encouraged to provide written materials at least eight (8) days prior to the public hearing to allow distribution with the Planning Commission's agenda packet to provide adequate time for review by the Planning Commission. Written materials submitted in advance of the public hearing must be submitted to the City of Chico, Community Development Department, 411 Main Street, 2nd Floor, or by mail to: P. O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the Community Development Department at 411 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Chico, CA 95928 during normal business hours.

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Special presentations which include slides, films, etc. during the course of a meeting will only be allowed with **prior** approval of the Planning Commission.

Business from the floor:

The Chair will invite anyone in the audience wishing to speak to the

Planning Commission to identify themselves and the matter

they wish to discuss which would involve matters not already on the posted agenda.

The Commission may also be direct that a matter be placed on a future agenda, provide direction to staff, or request that staff research a particular issue. No action may be taken until a subsequent meeting.

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Agenda Items:

The agenda items will be considered in the order listed unless the Commission requests a change. In order that all items may be considered, any item may be continued to another meeting if it appears there will be insufficient time for full consideration of the item.

Items Not Appearing on Posted Agenda:

This agenda was posted on the Council Chamber bulletin board at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting. For each item not appearing on the posted agenda, upon which the Planning Commission wishes to take action, the Commission must make one of the following determinations:

1. Determine by a majority vote that an emergency exists as defined in Government Code Sec. 54956.5.
2. Determine by a two-thirds vote, or by a unanimous vote if less than two-thirds of the Planning Commission is present, that need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the agenda being posted.

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CITY OF CHICO
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019
Municipal Center - 421 Main Street - Council Chambers - 6:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

1.2. Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

*All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the Planning Commission. A member of the public may request that an item be removed, provided the item does not relate to a noticed hearing which has been closed to further public comment. **Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered immediately following the approval of the Consent Agenda.***

2.1. Approval of Minutes

May 2, 2019

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing Guidelines

1. *Announcement of Ex Parte Communications*
2. *Staff report (up to 15 Minutes)*
3. *Commission discussion and/or questions of staff (10 minutes)*
4. *Open hearing for public input (generally no longer than 60 minutes, but as determined by the Commission):*
 - *Appellant/Applicant – 10 minutes*
 - *Additional Speakers – 45 minutes*
 - *Appellant/Applicant Rebuttal – 3 minutes, if granted*
5. *Close the hearing to the public*
6. *Commission discussion, motion and vote (20 minutes, or as determined by Commission)*

3.1. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Ordinance Amendments: The Planning Commission will consider a summary report on a previous community workshop where ADU Code amendments and other options were discussed to stimulate ADU production. Based upon the feedback from the public and Planning Commission at the earlier ADU community workshop, staff is recommending that the Planning Commission conduct a public hearing to consider ordinance amendments to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) provisions in Chapter 19.19 and Section 19.76.130 (Accessory Dwelling Units) in Title 19 of the Chico Municipal Code (Land Use and Development Regulations).

Currently, the ADU ordinance requires a property owner to live onsite in either the main residence or the ADU, and to record a deed restriction reinforcing the requirement. At the community workshop there was public testimony both in support and against removing the owner-occupancy requirement.

Staff is recommending that the owner-occupancy requirement be removed, except in the SD-4 (Special Design Considerations – West Avenue Neighborhood) overlay zone, which is bounded by West 11th Avenue to the north, West Sacramento Avenue on the south, Esplanade on the east, and Warner Street and Citrus Avenue to the west. For all other areas outside the SD-4 overlay zone, the owner-occupancy restriction would be eliminated. Also proposed are related cleanup amendments regarding ADU standards including alley setbacks and new housing definitions for consistency with State definitions.

At the meeting, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a summary report of the ADU community workshop, and the proposed ADU Code amendments. The Planning Commission will then provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed amendments that will be considered at a future City Council meeting. **Questions regarding this project may be directed to Principal Planner Bruce Ambo at (530) 879-6801, or bruce.ambo@chicoca.gov or Planner Kelly Murphy at (530) 879-6810, or kelly.murphy@chicoca.gov.**

The proposed ADU Code amendments would not result in an increase in development beyond that which was analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared and certified for the Chico 2030 General Plan update (State Clearinghouse #2008122038). The proposed amendments represent a refinement of the General Plan adoption process, and in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15162 are within the scope of the EIR.

Any person may appear and be heard at the workshop. The Planning Commission may not have sufficient time to fully review materials presented at the public hearing. Interested parties are encouraged to provide written materials at least 8 days prior to the public hearing to allow distribution with the Planning Commission's agenda packet and thus, adequate time for the Planning Commission to review. All written materials submitted in advance of the public hearing must be submitted to the City of Chico Community Development Department, 411 Main Street, Second Floor, or mailed to P.O. Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927. Written materials should refer to the specific public hearing item listed above.

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4. REGULAR AGENDA

None.

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes. The Commission cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

6. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission's information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the Adjourned Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 6, 2019.