Minutes

Planning Commission April 18, 2011
City of Orange Monday 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Buttress, Gladson, Grangoff and Steiner
ABSENT: Commissioner Merino

STAFF
PRESENT: Leslie Aranda Roseberry, Planning Manager
Anna Pehoushek, Principal Planner
Rick Otto, Assistant City Manager
Frank Sun, Deputy Director/City Engineer
Gary Sheatz, Assistant City Attorney
Sandi Dimick, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Chair Steiner opened the administrative session @ 6:49 p.m. with a review of the Agenda.

Chair Steiner asked if all Commissioners had received a briefing on Agenda Item No. 2, General Plan Conformance Finding. Assistant City Manager Rick Otto stated all Commissioners had received a briefing with the exception of Commissioner Gladson. Commissioner Gladson stated she was familiar with the components of the item and a briefing had not been necessary; she had reviewed all the material. Chair Steiner stated the agenda was clear on the action for the item. He asked if Principal Planner Anna Pehoushek would be presenting the item. Ms. Pehoushek stated she would make a presentation along with Mr. Otto. Mr. Otto stated he had a brief presentation and 4 slides that would accompany his presentation. Chair Steiner asked if there were any questions regarding Item No. 2? Commissioner Grangoff stated he had a briefing on the item and had no additional questions.

Chair Steiner welcomed Commissioner Gladson to the Planning Commission and he was pleased to have her join the Planning Commission with all of her experience that she brought with her and as a former member on the Design Review Committee.

Chair Steiner stated Commissioner Merino was serving a deployment in Spain and would be there for the next few weeks.

Chair Steiner stated on the approval of the meeting minutes from April 4, 2011, Commissioner Gladson would abstain as she had been absent from that meeting.

Chair Steiner asked Staff if there was anything coming up that they should be aware of for a future PC Meeting? Planning Manager Leslie Aranda Roseberry stated there were a couple of Old Towne items that would be coming through. A study session was being

held on April 19, 2011 for the Rio Santiago project and it would be quite some time before the project was presented to the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Grangoff asked if the Design Review Committee members were the same committee members at each meeting. Ms. Aranda Roseberry stated there were 5 members on the Design Review Committee who were appointed by the Mayor, serving 4 year terms. Currently the DRC had 4 members and there was 1 vacancy.

There was no further discussion.

Administrative Session adjourned @ 6:56p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

REGULAR SESSION:

Consent Calendar:

(1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2011.

Commissioner Buttress made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of the Planning Commission on April 4, 2011, as written.

SECOND: Commissioner Grangoff
AYES: Commissioners Buttress, Grangoff and Steiner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Gladson
ABSENT: Commissioner Merino

MOTION CARRIED

New Hearing:

(2) GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE FINDING FOR FY 2011-2012 THROUGH 2017-2018 – SEVEN YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) serves as a single comprehensive plan of proposed capital improvement projects for the budget year FY 2011-2012 and the six years thereafter. In accordance with state law, the City must determine that the CIP is consistent with the General Plan.

LOCATION: CITY WIDE

NOTE: Staff has reviewed the list of projects identified in the CIP and determined that a number of projects will involve the need for preparation of environmental documentation in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Those documents will be prepared during project refinement and finalized prior to the awarding of contracts by the City Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Find the projects identified within the proposed seven-year Capital Improvement Program are consistent with the City's General Plan.

Principal Planner Anna Pehoushek introduced Assistant City Manager Rick Otto who presented a project overview along with a PowerPoint presentation, consistent with the Staff Report.

Ms. Pehoushek additionally presented a project overview consistent with the Staff Report.

Chair Steiner opened the item to any questions for Staff. There were none.

Chair Steiner closed the public hearing and brought the item back to the Commission for any further discussion or action.

Chair Steiner stated with the restrictions on Government funds and things being stretched to the limit, he was very pleased that the City of Orange was able to continue to make the financial commitments to the City's infrastructure. He was pleased that almost none of the financing was coming from the General Fund; there were lots of other dedicated revenue sources that were utilized to fund those important projects and the City should be proud of the work that was being done.

Commissioner Buttress stated what City Staff had done with the use of grants and other funding that would enable the City of Orange to move forward was commendable and

she thanked the Staff for all the hard work that they had done to allow the City to improve its infrastructure.

Commissioner Gladson stated the diligent work that was being done to find a number of policies and goals that all the particular projects meshed with was an assurance to the public that the City had a road map that was being implemented and in line with the General Plan. It was tied in with the General Plan's goal for the CIP projects for the next seven years and it was encouraging to see that and easy to support.

Commissioner Buttress made a motion to find that the projects identified within the proposed Seven-Year Capital Improvement Program are consistent with the City's General Plan.

SECOND: Commissioner Gladson
AYES: Commissioners Buttress, Gladson, Grangoff, and Steiner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Merino

MOTION CARRIED

(3) ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment to the next regular Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2011.

Commissioner Grangoff made a motion for adjournment to the next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on May 2, 2011.

SECOND: Commissioner Buttress
AYES: Commissioners Buttress, Gladson, Grangoff, and Steiner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Merino

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:09 p.m.