

MINUTES

CITY OF ARTESIA
ARTESIA CITY HALL, ARTESIA COUNCIL CHAMBER
18747 CLARKDALE AVENUE, ARTESIA, CA 90701

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
THE ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL, ARTESIA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
BOARD AND THE ARTESIA PLANNING COMMISSION

ARTESIA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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MONDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2008

6:00 P.M.

The Special Joint meeting of the Artesia City Council, Redevelopment Agency and Planning Commission was called to order at 6:09 p.m., Monday, June 23rd, 2008 in the Artesia City Council Chamber by Mayor/Chairman Flowers. There was no invocation; however the Pledge of Allegiance was led by all members of the City Council.

ROLL CALL- PRESENT: John C. Martins, Council Member/Board Member
Larry Nelson, Council Member/Board Member
Tony Lima, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman
Sally Flowers, Mayor/Chairman

ABSENT: Victor Manalo, Council Member/Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: Maria Dadian, City Manager/Executive Director
Daryl Betancur, City Clerk/Treasurer/Secretary
Kevin Ennis, City Attorney/Agency Counsel
Candice Lee, Deputy City Attorney
Okina Dor, Associate Planner
Jose Hernandez, Assistant Planner
Erika Castaneda, Planning Secretary
Ray Medina, Planning Commissioner
Clayton Young, Planning Commissioner
Michele Diaz, Vice Chair- Planning Commission
Paolo Menezes, Chairman- Planning Commission

ABSENT: Albert Sousa, Planning Commissioner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- APPROVED 4-0

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SPEAKER CARDS

Anyone wishing to speak to the City Council/Agency Board or Planning Commission should fill out a speaker card and give that card to the City Clerk/Agency Secretary at the staff table prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please observe a time limit of three (3) minutes when giving your presentation.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Councilmembers/Boardmembers or Planning Commission on items that are not already listed on the agenda. Any public comments that cannot be heard within the next 20 minutes will be heard at the end of the meeting.

Phil Howard- Mr. Howard addressed the City Council with respect to the MTA Right-of-Way Project. City Manager, Dadian indicated that staff will work with Mr. Howard to address his concerns and that this item will be placed on the agenda for an update on July 14th.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Anyone who requires audio assistance to listen to these proceedings may request the use of an assisted listening device (ALD) from the City Clerk. If you require said device, please come forward to the City Clerk at the staff table for assistance.

STAFF REPORTS

1. PARKING STANDARDS FOR RESTAURANTS

Following a lengthy discussion, the City Council directed staff to further explore option 3 as stated in the staff report and incorporate the feedback provided by the City Council tonight into the new standards, options, which members of the City Council envisioned to have periodic review and to bring those options for consideration by the City Council. Motion carries 4-0 without objection.

2. KITCHENS IN RESIDENTIAL GARAGES

A discussion ensued with respect to allowing or not allowing kitchens in garages and whether or not the term kitchen needs to be changed to something else; that kitchens in garages present a threat to public health and safety and other related comments on the part of City Council members that some people who have kitchens in garages maintain them very clean and tidy and that this never has been an issue in terms of fires etc. Further, Planning Commission members expressed concerns with the City allowing this as it will open up a door for more illegal occupancies. City Manager Dadian and City Attorney Ennis commented on the policy direction in terms of the issues that this will present for the Building Inspector and also for Code Enforcement purposes, although City Manager Dadian stated that she had checked with the Los Angeles County Fire Department and

received written communication that this will not present a problem as far as the Fire Department is concerned.

Following the discussion, the City Council directed staff to incorporate feedback received at this meeting and to include it as part of whatever recommendations will be prepared by staff and to present these recommendations to the City Council at a later date and time. Motion carries 4-0 without objection.

3. MONUMENT SIGN STANDARDS

After hearing from several business owners in the audience such as Mr. Bhindi and Mr. Koka who commented on this item, the City Council also directed staff to come back with suggestions in terms of the standards to be applied as they relate to new development signage and to present those options to the Planning Commission for their input and subsequently to the City Council. Further, the City Council stipulated that in order to accommodate established developments, which are large projects that have interior tenant spaces that are not visible from the frontage, standards also need to be developed to address those as well.

4. EXCEPTIONS TO "FLOOR AREA" AS USED FOR PARKING CALCULATIONS

Motion to continue approved 4-0 thereby directing staff to look at the suggestions given by the City Council, present them to the Planning Commission for review and comment and then bring those back to the City Council if further adjustments are needed.

ADDITIONAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

This time is set aside for the public to address the Councilmembers/Boardmembers or Planning Commission on any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Councilmembers/Boardmembers or Planning Commission that could not be heard under the citizen comment section at the beginning of the meeting.

Danesh Bhindi, and Venkatesh Koka- Offered additional comments regarding the items discussed earlier this evening as it relates to the parking issue and the monument sign issue.

COUNCILMEMBER/BOARDMEMBER/COMISSIONERS COMMENTS

This is the time for additional general comments, announcements, and requests of staff and/or other issues of concern to Councilmembers/Boardmembers or Planning Commission that may briefly be presented at this time.

Council Member Martins

- Thanked the Planning Commission for setting aside time to be present and participating in this meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Lima

- Asked about the process of City Council members requesting proclamations

Mayor Flowers

- Thanked everyone for coming including Mr. Bhindi and Mr. Koka for their input and also thanked the Planning Commission members for being here at this meeting to share ideas

ADJOURNED- 9:12 p.m.

DARYL BETANCUR, CMC
CITY CLERK/TREASURER/SECRETARY