

CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tuesday, July 12th, 2022 - 9:00 am

103 Water Street, Elephant Butte, NM 87935

The meeting is also open to the public through this Zoom link:

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Meeting ID: 812 7169 4051, or see www.cityofelephantbutte.com for more information.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nathan LaFont called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Casas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Nathan LaFont - Present

Vice-Chair Tami Smith - Present

Commissioner Lowell Pierson - Present

Commissioner Sheridan Fuss - Present

Commissioner Matt Casas - Present

City Clerk Newberry conducted a roll call and declared a quorum was in attendance.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST & STATEMENT OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

*The Open Meetings Act is in effect, and there is a three-minute limit per speaker on all non-agenda items.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Fuss moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting Minutes, June 14, 2022

Commissioner Pierson moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Fuss expressed concerns with road conditions from HWY-195 to the back entrance of the golf course.

Chairman LaFont updated the progress for the Bus and Motor Freight Terminals.

8. CITY REPORT

City Manager Archuleta announced that Jessica Newberry is our new City Clerk, and we are holding interviews for a new treasurer. Updated on the sale of the golf course. Budget for 3rd Quarter report has been submitted and it was approved by the state, initial budget for next year has been submitted and approved and the final budget will be submitted.

9. LAND USE/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Land Use Administrator Lindsey Cobleigh presented her Land Use and Code report.

Code report: 37 code violations, 1 possible court action, 20 violations have complied. A discussion was held over different code violations.

Land Use report: 85 open permits: 14 new residential, 20 commercials and 51 improved residential.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. REGULAR ITEMS

a. Discussion/Possible: Dark Sky and Lighting requirement amendments - Ordinance 203.

A discussion was held over the Dark Sky and Lighting requirements for Ordinance 203. Each Commissioner was asked by Chairman LaFont if there was any amendments or additions to this draft, all stated no.

Commissioner Fuss moved to approve the Ordinance 203 with the added statement to reference penalties to the established code section of 10.99. Commissioner Pierson seconded the motion. 5-0 Ordinance 203 was resent to legal for a final draft review before being sent to City Council for final approval and adoption.

Motion passed.

b. Discussion: Commercial Sign Ordinance

A discussion was held over the Commercial Sign Ordinance and Guidelines.

12.ADJOURNMENT

Chairman LaFont adjourned the meeting.

Minutes approved and adopted at the Planning and Zoning meeting on October 4th, 2022.

Nathan LaFont, Chairman

John Mascaro, City Manager

ATTEST: