



# TOWN OF PARADISE

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## P L A N N I N G C O M M I S S I O N M I N U T E S

**August 18, 2020**

**6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Chair Morris at 6:00 p.m. who let the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Lynn Costa, Ron Lassonde, Anita Towslee and Kim Morris, Chair

**PLANNING COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Zeb Reynolds

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1a. **MOTION by Morris, seconded by Towslee**, approve Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2020. Roll call vote was unanimous with Commissioner Reynolds absent and not voting.

### **2. COMMUNICATION**

#### **2a. Recent Council Actions**

Community Development Director Susan Hartman informed the Planning Commissioners that the Town Council amended and re-introduced the ordinance regarding defensible space that was introduced last month changing the inspection from required to advisory; and the needle distribution ban ordinance before the Commissioners tonight was a request from the Town Council.

#### **2b. Staff Comments - None**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - None**

### **4. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - None**

### **5. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5b. Item determined to be exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule exemption)

PARADISE MUNICIPAL CODE: Planning Commission consideration of a resolution that, if adopted, would recommend Town Council adoption of proposed text amendments to the zoning regulations in Paradise Municipal Code (PMC) Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance). If adopted by the Town Council, the amendments would: 1. Add a new chapter of regulations pertaining to needle and exchange programs, as defined by Health and Safety Code Section 121349, et. Seq., within the Town of Paradise; and 2. Specifically enumerates the establishment, operation, conduct, or

engagement in a needle and syringe exchange program within the Town of Paradise to be unlawful.

Community Development Director Hartman provided the Commissioners with an overview of the proposed ordinance that was requested by the Town Council.

The public hearing was opened at 6:22 p.m.

There were no public comments.

The public hearing was closed at 6:24 p.m.

After discussion and concerns regarding the need for additional information, the Planning Commissioners present, all concurred to postpone the public hearing to the next Planning Commission meeting of September 15, 2020 to receive additional information regarding the proposed ban on the needle and syringe exchange program. The Commissioners requested information from law enforcement, a copy of the letter to Assemblyman Gallagher, a revision to the ordinance that would exempt exchange programs in medical clinics, and information from the Butte County Health Department on the benefits of the needle distribution program.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6c. **MOTION by Lassonde, seconded by Towslee**, to accept and refer the Planning Commission Annual Report for calendar year 2019 to the Town Council regarding the present implementation status of the 1994 Paradise General Plan. Roll call vote was unanimous with Reynolds absent and not voting.
- 6d. **MOTION by Costa, seconded by Lassonde**, to accept and refer the Planning Commission Annual Report for calendar year 2019 to the Town Council regarding the present implementation status of the 1994 Paradise General Plan Housing Element. Roll call vote was unanimous with Reynolds absent and not voting.

## 7. COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - None

## 8. COMMISSION MEMBERS

- 8a. Identification of future agenda items (All Commissioners/Staff)

Community Development Director Hartman informed the Commissioners that a construction sales and service land use permit would be coming forward at the next meeting.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Date Approved: September 15, 2020

By: \_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_

Kim Morris, Chair

Attest:

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Dina Volenski, CMC, Town Clerk