

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES**

Date: August 18, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: City Hall, Room 306

Present: Eric Crook, Alan D’Aiello, Christopher Grant, Octavio Cunha, Michael Robinson (Chair), Burton Batty (Vice Chair), Michael Marcello (City Solicitor), William Fazioli (Planning Director), James Moran (Staff), Patrick Hanner (Staff)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

3. APPROVAL OF PLANING BOARD MINUTES

None submitted

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Minor Subdivision, Application # 2021-05-minor, Owner/Applicant: Glenwood Avenue, LLC, 0 Bay View Avenue, Map 209, block 2, parcel 2. (Enclosure).

No recording for this portion of the meeting due to technical difficulties.

B. Recommendation to the Mayor for the FY 2022 Capital Budget and FY 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program. (Enclosure)

Mr. Fazioli presented the proposed Capital Budget. Mr. Fazioli discussed in detail with board members the various proposed projects, funding amounts, and timelines. The Capital Budget projects are updated quarterly with finance.

On a motion by Mr. Crook, seconded by Mr. Cunha, the board voted 6-0 to provide a positive recommendation to the City Council to approve the FY2022-2026 and the FY2022 Capital Budget as proposed.

C. Advisory recommendation to the City Council for proposed revisions to Chapter 19 of Zoning, Article VIII "Development Plan Review", section 19-453 "Procedure". (Enclosure)

Mr. Fazioli presented the staff's memo. Mr. Marcello spoke on the proposed amendments and about the current authority the City Council has.

Various board members had a discussion on the proposed amendments.

The Planning Department is recommending that the City Council should not amend the Development Plan Review (Chapter 19, section 19-453) regulations that would require impact studies as a requirement for a rezone request to be reviewed as a DPR since this is not the appropriate section in Chapter 19 of Zoning for this type of review. Instead, the City Council could explore amending section 19-72 of Zoning "Petition requirements" that pertains to the required materials for a rezone request. The following text could be added to section 19-72 "The City Council may at its discretion require impact studies prior to the granting of a petition to rezone", however it is strongly recommended that the City Council seek the assistance of the City Solicitor's Office to ensure that the proposed amendment is consistent with State enabling legislation. The City Council could also consider including a public hearing aspect to this review process.

On a motion by Mr. Cunha, seconded by Dr. D'Aiello, the board voted 6-0 in opposition of a positive recommendation to the City Council to amend Chapter 19, section 19-453 of the Development Plan Review.

5. STAFF REPORT

Mr. Fazioli presented the staff report.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Planning board meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Batty, seconded by Mr. Cunha, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting.

CC: Mayor Roberto DaSilva
City Council
Director of Public Works
City Engineer
City Solicitor
Fire Chief
Zoning Officer