

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
May 17, 2011**

The regular session of the Auburn City Planning Commission was called to order on May 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Snyder in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Spokely, Vitas, Worthington, Young & Snyder

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Will Wong, Community Development Director
Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. ENTITLEMENT EXTENSION ORDINANCE – FILE 301.3(u).** The Planning Commission will provide a recommendation to the City Council on the City of Auburn’s Entitlement Extension Ordinance, which amends the Auburn Municipal Code, by extending the expiration date of discretionary entitlements consistent with the State Subdivision Map Act (Government Code Sections §66452.21 & §66452.22).

Planner Lowe gave the staff report, summarizing the Entitlement Extension Ordinance in response to the State Subdivision Map Act Extensions.

Commissioner Spokely noted that the Assembly is working on AB 208 which extends the life of tentative maps for an additional two years, but that the Subdivision Map Act limits the total timeframe to ten (10) years.

Commissioner Worthington asked if the applicants were notified of the Entitlement Extension Ordinance.

Planner Lowe responded that the applicants were not notified of the Entitlement Extension Ordinance presented tonight, but were notified of the previous State Subdivision Map Act extensions. Planner Lowe also noted that staff would be contacting the applicants should the City Council approve the Entitlement Extension Ordinance.

Commissioner Vitas asked for clarification about the Entitlement Extension Ordinance.

Planner Lowe provided examples for specific projects previously approved by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Worthington **MOVED** to recommend that the City Council approve the Entitlement Extension Ordinance as proposed.

Commissioner Vitas **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES:	Spokely, Vitas, Worthington, Young & Snyder
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

The motion was approved.

VI. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Sign Ordinance Update Task/Schedule

Planner Lowe discussed the Sign Ordinance Update Task/Schedule and proposed steps in updating the City's Sign Ordinance. Staff has begun to research other City's Sign Ordinances and will present a list of changes for Planning Commission discussion in July. The proposed schedule includes numerous opportunities for public outreach to the business community.

Commissioner Worthington asked about the Planning Commissioner Workshop hearings and the intent of those meetings.

Director Wong replied that in working through the update, staff wanted a number of opportunities for the business community to participate.

VII. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

A. City Council Meetings

Director Wong noted that starting in May, City Departments will be providing reports to the City Council on the various operations for each respective

department. These reports will be beneficial for the City Council as they continue to discuss and finalize the City's budget for the next fiscal year.

B. Future Planning Commission Meetings

None

C. Reports

None

VIII. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

The purpose of these reports is to provide a forum for Planning Commissioners to bring forth their own ideas to the Commission. No decisions are to be made on these issues. If a Commissioner would like formal action on any of these discussed items, it will be placed on a future Commission agenda.

None

IX. FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

Planning Commissioners will discuss and agree on items and/or projects to be placed on future Commission agendas for the purpose of updating the Commission on the progress of items and/or projects.

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lance E. Lowe