



**CITY OF RIALTO**  
**THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**August 25, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.**

The Regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Rialto was held in the City of Rialto City Council Chambers located at 150 South Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

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This meeting was called by the presiding officer of the City of Rialto Planning Commission in accordance with the provisions of **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Frank Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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**PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Dale Estvander led the pledge of allegiance.

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**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call was taken by Senior Planner Daniel Casey.

**Present:**

Chair Frank Gonzalez  
Vice-Chair Jerry Gutierrez  
Commissioner John Peukert  
Commissioner Dale Estvander  
Commissioner Al Twine  
Commissioner BarBara Chavez  
Commissioner Artist Gilbert

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

City Attorney, Leila Moshref-Danesh  
Senior Planner, Daniel Casey  
Interim Public Works Director, Michael Tahan  
Administrative Assistant, Adrianna Martinez

**ORAL  
COMMUNICATION**

Chair Frank Gonzalez asked if there were any oral communications from the public not on the agenda. Adrianna Martinez stated there were none.  
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**PLANNING  
COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Chair Gonzalez announced that the next item on the agenda is Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.**

Motion by Commissioner Dale Estvander, second by Commissioner Al Twine to move to approve the June 30, 2021, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. All in favor, *motion carried 7-0-0.*

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**PRESENTATION**

**Chair Gonzalez stated the next item on the agenda is the City of Rialto 2021 Climate Adaptation Plan.**

Interim Public Works Director Michael Tahan introduced Henry with Dudek to present the 2021 Climate Adaptation Plan.

The purpose of the Climate Adaptation Plan is to lay the groundwork to prepare the City of Rialto for the expected impacts of climate change as required by State Law. This Plan builds on the City's existing General Plan Safety Element and Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to evaluate Rialto's vulnerabilities and capabilities and propose policy around four climate related hazards: air pollution, extreme heat, wildfire and flooding.

The Four Phases of Hazard Planning include mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

There are three goals for Mitigation that include creating safe and comfortable street to walk and bike through, a community with clean air through low-emission public vehicles, truck routes, and diverse urban forest, and an environment resistant to extreme heat and climate hazards through hydration stations, cool buildings, and flood and fireproof infrastructure. The goal for Preparedness is to prepare the community for disaster by means of informing and assisting at-risk community members and retrofitting community centers. The Response goal is to design emergency response to serve a range of community members by establishing Emergency Operations Center and identifying special needs community members. Lastly, for the Recovery phase, the goal is for a community to build stronger through means of Fire-Resistant Codes, Landscape Standards, as well as Flood Plain Standards.

The Commission asked if the Climate Adaptation Plan is required by the State

and if so, is there funding available to meet the requirements set forth. The Commission voiced their concern with the State imposing the Plan but not providing any means to meet the requirements. City Attorney Leila Moshref-Danesh advised it is an unfunded mandate. Dudek representative Henry expressed by adopting the Plan, the City will be complying and eligible to receive grant funding.

The Commission questioned how often the Plan will be updated and Interim Public Works Director Michael Tahan stated a condition to add an update can be added to the recommendation.

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Motion by Commissioner Dale Estvander, second by Commissioner BarBara Chavez to adopt a resolution recommending the City Council adopt the City of Rialto 2021 Climate Adaptation Plan with amendments adding a condition to update the Plan every five years. All in favor, *motion carried 5-2-0*.

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**PLANNING**  
**DIVISION**  
**COMMENTS**

**Chair Gonzalez stated that the next item on the agenda is Planning Division Comments**

Senior Planner Daniel Casey announced the next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for September 8, 2021.

Michael Tahan introduced the new City Engineer David Hammer to the Commission.

Daniel Casey provided updates and/or status on projects the Commission requested additional information on. He reached out to the City of Colton regarding a possible extension of Slover Avenue, and they advised anything that area is Delhi Sand Fly habitat and is protected. The Casa Grande Avenue extension will open in early 2022 and the cones will be removed or adjusted. The restaurant at a residence off Cactus Avenue and Easton Street is within county's jurisdiction and Daniel Casey reached out to their Code Enforcement Division. As for the student commissioner, all commission appointments are on hold.

Commissioner Artist Gilbert requested staff to investigate Frisbie Park as there is a lot of illegal activity taking place and is concerned the cameras that were a condition have not been installed. Daniel Casey advised he will reach out to Community Services and to the Police Department.

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**PLANNING**  
**COMMISSION**  
**COMMENTS**

**Chair Gonzalez stated that the next item on the agenda is Planning Commission Comments.**

No Planning Commission comments.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Dale Estvander, second by Commissioner Artist Gilbert to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, *motion carried 7-0-0*.

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**The Regular Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, adjourned at 7:10 p.m.**

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Minutes prepared by Adrianna Martinez, Administrative Assistant

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Frank Gonzalez, Chair Planning Commission