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PLANNING COMMISSION

Thursday, June 21, 2018 - 6:00pm

City Council Chambers

City Hall 1st Floor - 200 Lincoln Avenue

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

MINUTES: None

FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS: None

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Planning Commission was called to order by Commissioner Jack Hiatt, Chair, on the above date at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum for the meeting.

Members Present

Commissioner John B. Hiatt, Chair
Commissioner Sarah Cottrell Propst, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Pilar Faulkner, Secretary
Commissioner Lee Garcia
Commissioner Brian Patrick Gutierrez
Commissioner Stephen Hochberg
Commissioner Mark Hogan
Commissioner Piper Kapin

Members Absent/Excused

[One vacancy]

Others Present:

Mr. Richard Word, Assistant City Attorney
Mr. Dan Esquibel, Planner Senior
Mr. Greg Smith, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Carl Boaz, Stenographer

NOTE: All items in the Committee packet for all agenda items are incorporated herewith by reference. The original Committee packet is on file in the Planning and Land Use Department and available on the City's web site.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Smith said there are no changes to the agenda. The case on Old Business is postponed to July 5.

MOTION: Commissioner Faulkner moved, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, to approve the amended agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed on a voice vote with Commissioners Garcia, Gutierrez, Hochberg, Hogan, Kapin and Propst voting in the affirmative and none voting against.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINDINGS OF FACT MINUTES

1. **Minutes:** None.
2. **Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:** None

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Mr. Esquibel presented the Staff report for this case to the Commission. He noted this request includes approval of a new tower Alternative Telecommunication Facility pursuant to Section 14-6.2(E) and a waiver to height pursuant to Subsection 14-6.2(E) (8). Most applications come in for C-2 zones, but this property is zoned R-5. The waiver is recommended for approval by the Land Use Department, subject to required finding, conditions of approval and technical corrections recommended by Staff. The Applicants are taking down one of the light poles over the baseball field, moving it 15' south and then will put up a sturdier pole with a better foundation that will hold the equipment and a shroud to hide the telecommunications equipment. It will be in a slotted chain link fence to blend better with other fences in the field. The waiver is needed because in an R-5 district there is a cap of 35' for the equipment. The shroud goes from there to Planning Commission

the ground. Two motions are required: one for the waiver and one for the application.

Chair Hiatt referred to page 5 of the report under section ii in second to last line and asked what the word "leas" means.

Mr. Esquibel said it is a typo and the word is supposed to be "lease."

Applicant's Presentation

Ms. Emory McKenzie, 422, Live Oak Court NE, Albuquerque, agent for Verizon Wireless, was sworn and addressed the proposed facility at Fort Marcy Park. She said they started working last November with the Land Use Department to identify an appropriate spot to deal with their telecommunications concerns. They request this change for the tourists and residents who demand more data. Cell phones are also computers and the demand for data is up 650% between 2013 and 2018. So Verizon is trying to provide the capacity not only for the needs today but also trying to foresee the use in years to come.

Ms. McKenzie detailed the data needs that include 76% of people use wireless phones for 911 and 62% of Santa Fe households use only wireless for coverage at their house. Another use is education at schools. Some students are issued laptops at school. Verizon started working on a solution with Mayor Gonzales and in compliance with Mayor Webber's goals.

Trends in Santa Fe include new buildings going up, E911 service demands are up and tourists are up. With this, Verizon will be able to improve their customers' experience. The largest age group is ages 20-44 and they have at least one wireless device.

Verizon proposes to meet all requirements and provide immediate relief for users. They have a temporary site put in there in January. As soon as it was turned on, the network went from red to green right away. At this site, Verizon complies with all federal and city laws and the camouflage is to use something already vertical there. The light poles are at 72' and we need at least 50'. The stealth sleeve is from 62' down, making the pole just a little bit wider. The new pole will stay at the same height and they are not adding another structure. They are putting equipment above ground and not vaulted. It takes less area above ground.

Ms. McKenzie showed the zoning map and pointed out the pole location between the ball field and fire station and not in a walking path. Structural analysis showed what the pole will look like.

The capacity and coverage standard is five bars, but there are so many users using the service now, so Verizon needs to widen the door, so more people can get through it.

Mr. Thane Caldwell, Radio Frequency Design Engineer for Verizon Wireless, was sworn. He affirmed that at the site today, the use is highly over capacity. It is used for a huge area and more and more data is being required. This site (called KTRC) covers most of downtown. The difficulty of coverage and capacity was explained. Coverage equals signal strength and capacity addresses the volume of traffic. He described the low band and high band signals. Capacity affects customers. With smart phones and tablets, laptops, power meters, self-driving cars, there are lots of data hungry devices. So one signal facility no longer

works. With this facility at ground level, Verizon meets all FCC requirements for radio emission safety. He showed the map of failed phone calls in the area and a color legend of service coverage. He stated that this Verizon station is one of the busiest in the nation.

Ms. McKenzie added that they did exhaust all opportunities there. It is a wide area between Bishops Lodge and Old Taos Highway and there are no other existing towers they could use. So they opted to replace a light pole. Other options did not provide the height or the integrity. Among the benefits with this choice is room for other providers to collocate on the pole.

Public Comment

Monique Feldman, 1094 Old Taos Highway, was sworn. She said, "My grandmother rolled her own cigarettes. I remember when I was four years old, my mother went to the hospital because she was pregnant with my little baby brother. My grandmother helped raise me with cigarettes to smoke. I didn't like it. You would think a piece of paper with tobacco in it would be pretty innocuous. And people back then who would say, Oh no. This is dangerous. I'm pretty sure people would look at them and say, 'You're crazy.' My grandmother died of a tumor in her lungs that then went to her brain and she died. You might think I'm crazy and I'm sure you are going to approve this tonight. But over the next few days, just Google this and look and see about the dangers. I would appreciate it. It would mean a lot to me. And I know you'll think I'm crazy, but just go Google it, and you will see. I went to the meeting at the hotel and they said it is just this one tower and it just has these little radio waves, I'm sorry, whatever. But I trusted them. I asked if they could add more and they said yes. It can have much more radio waves when they said they met the emission safety standard. Please keep that in mind, because in the future, it may not.

I just have two other quick things to say. They tried this in Albuquerque. And I tried to research it but couldn't. I don't know why. But my husband heard it on the radio and it was some years ago. They tried to put a tower near the fire station and they had to take it down because the fire fighters got sick. I want to go on record that I do believe there are health concerns. It also affects property values. Living near a cemetery makes property values go up but near a cell tower makes property values go down."

There were no other speakers from the public regarding this case and the public hearing portion was closed.

Questions from the Commission

Commissioner Propst asked about the time line for this project.

Ms. McKenzie said it would take about 90 days for construction.

Commissioner Propst asked if this location is enough or should the Commission expect more.

Ms. McKenzie said there will be more Verizon has a concentrated design for the city of Santa Fe. They were approached by the City last November - specifically by the Fire and Police to get better service in

Santa Fe. And that is what Verizon did. So we worked with the City to improve throughout the city. The Mayor issued emergency proclamation to allow us to erect 7 sites and there was an immediate positive response. Now, we are switching over from temporary to permanent installations. So there will be additional sites in Santa Fe and they will be designed so they are within the character of the City.

Commissioner Propst commented that this design is a good one.

Commissioner Hochberg asked if moving the lamp post means there will be another one.

Ms. McKenzie explained that once they erect the new pole, the old pole will be removed, and the temporary installation will go away after turning the new one on.

Commissioner Kapin asked for the pros and cons of having the equipment above ground.

Ms. McKenzie said the pro for above ground is a lot less space. It has a much smaller footprint for above ground. They will use a chain link fence and a chain link roof on it, so no fly balls will go into it. It is in keeping with the geography of the ball field. It is adjacent to a flood plain, so they had a huge concern of leaking water with electronics underground. It is a lot easier to maintain above ground. So there is a safety factor.

Commissioner Kapin was happy for this little neighborhood because she was a Verizon customer and hearing there are other sites is exciting. How do they cover the whole city and what is time line for them?

Ms. McKenzie said they actually have three applications in building permit or leasing stages. They are at 801 San Mateo at the Water Department, the Fire Station on Arroyo Chamiso and Upper Canyon at the water treatment facility. Those will be in construction by end of summer. There are also two at the Convention Center and one at the Sandoval Garage. There is another adjacent to the Genoveva Chávez Community Center.

Commissioner Kapin was interested in seeing a map of the locations.

Ms. McKenzie added that there are also some private sites like on Camino Carlos Rey, one down by Jaguar and one close to Meow Wolf. They are trying to concentrate on the ones that are most stressed with highest demand. Verizon has a short-term plan and a long-term plan.

Chair Hiatt asked Staff about getting the map to the Commissioners.

Mr. Esquibel said he had a listing for all of them and offered to email it to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Faulkner said she lives in the southwest sector of Santa Fe. There is still a lot of development there, so please keep that area in mind. She commended the design. There is a stealth installation in Tierra Contenta. I can tell it is not a tree and I'm legally blind.

Commissioner Hogan liked the idea/concept of stealth installation at Ft. Marcy and thought they should do that at the soccer complex because they need the lights. He asked if moving the light pole 15' was going

to impair the lighting there at the ball field.

Ms. McKenzie said they would work with Public Works to keep the lighting as it should be.

Commissioner Hogan asked if the fence will be vinyl covered chain link.

Ms. McKenzie didn't know.

Commissioner Hogan made a pitch for vinyl covered in that it is better in a public area.

Ms. McKenzie agreed to follow up with that.

Chair Hiatt noted Ms. Feldman had mentioned the case in Albuquerque.

Ms. McKenzie said Verizon is located near a fire station there.

Mr. Mark Williams, attorney for Verizon Wireless, was sworn and said he was not aware of any lawsuits with Verizon Wireless. He had been a part of two lawsuits and was not aware of any in Albuquerque.

Action of the Commission

Chair Hiatt reminded the Commission that two votes were needed.

Request for a Waiver:

MOTION: Commissioner Kapin moved, seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, in Case #2018-44 are 200 Murales Road, to approve the waiver to the proposed height, pursuant to Subsection 14-6-2(E) (8), subject to required findings, conditions of approval and technical corrections recommended by Staff.

VOTE: The motion passed on the following roll call vote follows:

FOR: Commissioners Kapin, Faulkner, Propst, Gutierrez, Hogan, Hochberg and Garcia.

AGAINST: None.

Request for Tower Alternative Telecommunications Facility:

MOTION: Commissioner Kapin moved, Seconded by Commissioner Faulkner, in Case #2018-44 at 200 Murales Road, to approve the new Tower Alternative Telecommunications Facility pursuant to Section 14-6.2 (E), subject to required findings, conditions of approval, and technical corrections recommended by Staff.

VOTE: The motion passed on the following roll call vote:

FOR: Commissioners Garcia, Hochberg, Gutierrez, Hogan, Propst, Faulkner and Kapin.

AGAINST: None.

Chair Hiatt asked if there were any Communications from Staff and asked Mr. Smith if there were any.

Discussion regarding the Agenda

Mr. Smith apologized and said the agenda had been amended to include two discussion items. Neither Chair Hiatt nor the Stenographer's packet included that agenda. Chair Hiatt said he was using the agenda that was published two days before the meeting. New agendas were shared.

Chair Hiatt asked Vice-Chair Propst to read aloud the two discussion items and she did.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chair Hiatt asked Mr. Smith and Mr. Word if there were any issues for the Commission to make a recommendation to the Governing Body in the form of a resolution.

Mr. Smith said the Commission has authority to make recommendations on policy that affects land use to the Commission and provided the background that authorized the Commission to deal with these two discussion items.

Mr. Word said he also discussed this with the City Clerk. He agreed this Commission has broad powers. The concern is that this is something the Clerk saw and there could be confusion with Council voting on their resolutions and something called a resolution coming from this body and what it would be called. There is a legitimate concern in using the term "resolution."

Commissioner Faulkner said she also talked with Ms. Vigil as well when this was sent out on Friday. And she said there is no reason why the Commission cannot do this. But we do have to work it out with the Legislative Services Counsel. It might delay things and she didn't want to hold up the Commission. We could work out that process. There could be confusion, but she liked resolutions and works with resolutions regularly. A resolution says we mean business and a letter seemed softer to her.

Chair Hiatt asked if the Commission should notice it differently when choosing to proceed as a resolution.

Mr. Word agreed. His understand was this is only for discussion. A conservative approach with the Open Meetings Act is appropriate. If you are going to take action, at a minimum, it should have public notice issued at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting.

Commissioner Faulkner said she gave a brief overview at the last meeting and Commissioner Hogan made comments. Those comments should become the preamble to the resolution.

Commissioner Propst was confused about what we are doing.

Commissioner Faulkner explained that Commissioner Hogan's preamble was on the last two pages of the memo.

Ms. Karen Heldmeyer asked if those memos are available to the public.

Mr. Smith went to make more copies of it. [A copy of the memo is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit 1.]

Commissioner Faulkner pointed out that as a discussion item, the Commission is not in violation of the Open Meetings Act.

The Commission took a brief recess at 7:00 while copies were being made and resumed the meeting at 7:05.

Chair Hiatt switched the order of the two discussion items as a courtesy to Commissioner Hogan who would have to excuse himself soon.

Ms. Heldmeyer objected to having a public hearing since it was not noticed as such. She suggested that it might make more sense to postpone that hearing.

Mr. Smith said the Commission has permission to do it.

2. Discussion of a formal recommendation related to climate-driven changes to Chapter 14 landscape design requirements and criteria for drought conditions, stages and alerts. (Commissioners Faulkner, Hiatt and Hogan).

Commissioner Hogan, in talking with Commissioner Faulkner and addressing the concerns, said he has been concerned with the impacts of climate change and how that affects stormwater management and the frequency and duration of rainfall and ponding requirements to keep rainfall on-site. The change also affects erosion patterns. It would be good for the Commission to do a study with real data and what changes to stormwater requirements would be warranted. There are also landscape changes for plant survival. He urged the Commission to do a good amount of preparation and look at revising this.

Chair Hiatt asked Commissioner Faulkner and Commissioner Kapin if they would like to pursue a resolution.

Commissioner Faulkner said she would unless the Commission feels that goes too far.

Commissioner Hochberg pointed out that climate change is not a theory. Everyone knows it is fact.

Chair Hiatt asked how the Commissioners felt about a letter or a resolution.

Commissioner Hochberg said the Commission is not precluded from having a resolution. It has a degree of gravitas that shows we care and might shake up the powers that be. He was willing to put it off for one meeting to have adequate notice and adequate public comment for a resolution. And he really commended Commissioner Faulkner for this and she is pushing us to do this.

Commissioner Garcia agreed with all the points raised. We have to look at climate change, etc. The difficulty he had was the trend for less moisture. Xeriscaping and water catchment is already in the Code, so we have to comply with water conservation already. He asked how much further the Commission needs to go. If it is to go forward with a resolution or a letter or a petition, he was okay with it.

Commissioner Gutierrez asked for a little more information on the steps and length of time to get a resolution through vs. just sending a letter.

Chair Hiatt said the Commission could send a letter tonight, but a resolution has more bite, regardless of whether we do it that way or not. We would notice it for next meeting and have a public hearing and a vote to send a resolution to the Governing Body.

Commissioner Gutierrez wanted to add on to Commissioner Hogan's statement on landscaping.

Commissioner Propst got hung up when she saw this last time and knew she wouldn't be present. But now she could talk with Commissioner Faulkner about it.

Mr. Word said City Code is silent about this issue, but the Commission does have broad powers for recommending to the Governing Body. He didn't see anything prohibiting a resolution.

Commissioner Propst wanted to see it grow out of cases and pointed out that she was on the Mayor's transition for sustainability and there were hours and hours spent on sustainability and energy. She cautioned that the Commission's resolution should sync with that. She added that the 25-year sustainability plan effort is extensive and detailed. So the Commission needs to be mindful of that. She would want to check against that for our resolution.

Chair Hiatt asked to hear from the public on climate change.

Ms. Caryn Grosse, Senior Water Conservation Specialist with the City, was present on behalf of Christine Chávez and said, "We are thrilled you are interested in how we can further conserve water in Santa Fe. Santa Fe is already a leader in conservation now. Since 1995, the City went from 168 gallons per person per day to less than 90 gallons per day and 13,000 ac/ft to less than 9,000 ac/ft per year despite the City's growth. We have increased water supply. We have aquifers, two water fields, surface water from Santa Fe River and San Juan-Chama diversion. And we've made the City more aware of water use. Typical household irrigation is about 39% of the total so there are great water savers here and people who are very conscious of this valuable resource. We look forward to working with you and Public Works and Planning Commission

Parks and Rec to better utilize water.”

Commissioner Propst said she has heard recently that we have made incredible progress with household use and that industries like hospitality are the big users.

Ms. Grosse agreed and said, “We have made big strides and are beefing up our commercial program in a pilot with 30 restaurants to look at what we can do to use water more effectively. We are working on more rebates. We are doing outreach with laundry and car washes. We want to get into commercial more in a sector by sector basis.”

Commissioner Faulkner asked if it makes sense to put that specific language in here.

Chair Hiatt suggested, since we are not taking a vote, for Commissioner Faulkner to get language from Commissioner Gutierrez and others who want to help with the draft, in time to have it ready for the next meeting.

Commissioner Hogan suggested some edits that make clear all the body of work done already to help call for input and not pretend these are the only issues to work on.

Commissioner Hochberg said the Commission has a unique perspective with all these variance requests, etc. the Commission receives. And maybe the Sustainability committees re not getting it the way the Planning Commission gets it. So our perspective should weigh in. We are not the Governing Body. So, the more the Governing Body gets, the better it is. So we should put what we know, and we expect the others like Ms. Grosse will put in what they know.

Chair Hiatt asked Commissioner Faulkner to go to work.

Ms. Grosse provided her phone number and the phone number of Ms. Chávez for the Commissioners.

Mr. Kurt Hill said he was on one of Mayor’s task forces. He encouraged the Planning Commission to get all of the proposals presented last Friday to the Mayor. A lot of it pertains to this effort. Our task force is continuing on to July and a lot of it is germane to this group.

Mr. Smith said the City website does have a link to that transition report. He had observed emails about it. If the Commission wants a study session, we could also do that. He agreed to share that link.

Mr. Word said he would be out next week but would be back for the July 5 meeting.

Commissioner Hogan excused himself from the meeting at 7:28.

- 1. Discussion of a formal recommendation that the Mayor, City Council and Land Use Director prioritize and resolve certain issues related to Land Use (Commissioners Faulkner and Kapin).**

Commissioner Faulkner said the Commission would want to let the incoming LUD Director know about the predominant values we have: pushback on ENNs, traffic, etc.

Commissioner Kapin said we spoke a lot about the obvious needs for big picture planning, the General Plan, etc. And we felt the work could get started on them prior to moving on the big items including ENN, Long Range Planning, traffic, in the big developments.

Chair Hiatt said his issue is that it is so broad, and he could hear the Governing Body saying, "Great - you guys go ahead and do that."

Commissioner Faulkner said this is just what some of us would like to focus on. We are working on an ENN resolution. She thought we would work out a resolution on each of them.

Chair Hiatt asked if the Commission favors a resolution instead of a letter. It does have more teeth - Until the Mayor or Governing Body tells us not to.

The Commissioners were in general agreement to work on drafting resolutions, after breaking ground on water.

Commissioner Propst agreed with Commissioner Gutierrez that it is appropriate to follow up on it. There were other things that bubbled up through the Commission. She had no problem with resolutions.

Chair Hiatt summarized that the Commission will do water next time and keep the others in the pipeline.

Commissioner Hochberg said, "Therefore, we will tell the Governing Body that this is what we will do but water is the most dire.

Commissioner Faulkner agreed to draft the communication that the Commission is going to prepare a resolution.

Chair Hiatt said it would be a cover letter with the resolution.

Ms. Heldmeyer agreed with what Chair Hiatt said. The devil is in the details. We should update and streamline the LUD Code. It has been done several times in the past with expensive consultants. They are so general that it is really hard to say what you are trying to get at. Maybe the priority points you have below. A lot of people would agree to changing the way ENNs are done. We are tired of the traffic saying, "the roads are already there, so what can we do." What is the something that needs to be done. There might not be agreement with that.

There are other people in the City with expertise in Land Use, from all points of the spectrum. Some of the most successful changes to Chapter 14 were created by people in the community with the Planning Commission. The Home Occupation Ordinance was created by an informal group, working on what could be done. The escarpment ordinance was created that way by people who have strong opinions. Bottom up, is the way to go. That would make the most difference for good land use policy in this city.

Commissioner Faulkner said she met with Marilyn Bain about it. "Commissioner Kapin and I want to meet with the stakeholders for it.

Commissioner Propst asked if it would make sense to move the overarching one and spend more time on the specifics.

Mr. Smith made a couple of quick points. We anticipated in the budget hearing that we would have maybe 2½ FTE for Long Range Planning. We made those recommendations before the Mayor dealt with planning and we are still waiting for direction from the Mayor and Council on the specific priorities. We have drafts of several code updates, but they are not comprehensive. We discussed LRP but without a Director and with staff vacancies. If the Commission goes to a resolution on July 5, to keep the City Clerk compliant, we would need a draft a week from today.

He did not want to discourage the Commission from slowing the momentum. We have shared our concern about lack of planning efforts of the Governing Body. We hope to see that come together but could not work that out in a week. He didn't anticipate much free time at that meeting.

Chair Hiatt said he would be absent until July 4 but available by email.

Commissioner Faulkner was satisfied with the overall resolution and would started working with Christine Chávez and Councilor Romero-Wirth on that. Then we can take on water.

Mr. Word pointed out that the handouts tonight don't have any numbers.

Commissioner Faulkner said she would get it as close to the resolution as possible and coordinate it with Mr. Guillen. We just need to give it a number.

Mr. Smith asked if the Commission wants to amend the July 5 agenda.

Chair Hiatt agreed.

Commissioner Hochberg wanted a date other than July 5. He thought water would be first. And what Ms. Heldmeyer said about ENN was to have it as the second focus. They are concise. We need to do something. The ENN is a sticking point on how that functions. Something should be done to make everyone feel better about it. He favored giving water first and then the ENN so two concrete things can be done. He would vote for water first, ENN second and dust third. He subscribed to everything in here, but they cannot all be done now.

Commissioner Kapin asked if it would help to put them in order.

Commissioner Hochberg agreed.

Chair Hiatt reminded her that they need to go to Staff first and emphasized that the communications go to Mr. Smith to not create a rolling quorum.

Mr. Word said our new City Attorney was announced today. Ms. Erin McSherry, currently an attorney for the Department of Health, was identified in a press release this afternoon.

Mr. Smith said the Mayor is still working on selecting a new Land Use Director, but he had not heard any word on that yet.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Smith announced that a subdivision decision was appealed to the Governing Body for the meeting on July 25.

H. MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

There were no matters from the Commission.

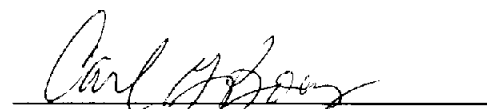
I. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Faulkner and second by Commissioner Hochberg, the Commission meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Approved by:


John B. Hiatt, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl G. Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.