

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
YREKA PLANNING COMMISSION HELD IN
THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER IN SAID CITY
ON THE 28th DAY OF JULY 2010

On the 28th day of July, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., the Planning Commission of the City of Yreka met in the City Council Chamber in said city in special session. The meeting was called to order by Chair Knitter and present were:

Commissioners: Deborah Baird
 Diane Knitter
 Steve Leal
 Mark McAllister
 Barry Ohlund
 Matt Osborn
 Richard Rolzinski

Absent: None

**GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT – DE-ANNEXATION
KARUK TRIBE OF CA by ARCH SUPER**

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

Commissioner Osborn recused himself from participating in this agenda item to prevent a possible conflict of interest on a financial basis and then left the room.

The Commission reviewed the application submitted by Arch Super for the Karuk Tribe of CA for a General Plan Amendment to the land use map upon de-annexation of a strip of land needed to resolve deed conflicts due to conflicting surveys adjacent to the City boundary, the existing General Plan designation of the property is I (Industrial), with a Sphere of Influence designation of LDR (Low Density Residential). The proposed de-annexation is approximately 0.52 +/- acres. The parcel located in the City is known as Assessor's Parcel No. 062-051-380.

This being the time and date set for a public hearing on an application for a General Plan Amendment to the land use map upon de-annexation of a strip of land needed to resolve deed conflict. Chair Knitter opened the hearing to the public.

Staff reported the Technical Committee recommended approval.

Staff recommended that the Planning Commission make a determination that the General Plan Amendment to the land use map for property proposed to be de-annexed from the City limits of Yreka into the unincorporated area of Siskiyou County is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3). The project would allow existing use of property to remain as it currently is and will therefore not cause a significant effect on

the environment. The map modification will be required upon de-annexation of property located within the City Limits. The property to be de-annexed has been in use by the Rolling Hills subdivision and has therefore relied on the County of Siskiyou for all services provided for the Rolling Hills Subdivision. No services will be extended as a result of de-annexation and subsequent map amendment.

Staff also reported that following the Technical Committee meeting and further review of the proposal there is concern that the project as submitted creates a piecemeal effect by not modifying the City Boundary along the full length of the adjacent property owned by Hundley's, and that it does not fit the purpose and spirit of the Cortese –Knox-Herzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Staff also suggested that it be noted that the property to be de-annexed from the City is not and will not be eligible for City water.

Alice Hamilton asked to see a map of the project. A map was provided for her review.

There being no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed and discussion was opened to the Commission.

Following Commission discussion, Commissioner Leal made a motion to recommend that, on the condition that the de-annexation shall include the entire north boundary of the Hundley property, the City Council approve the General Plan Amendment to the land use map upon de-annexation of a strip of land needed to resolve deed conflicts due to conflicting surveys adjacent to the City boundary, the existing General Plan designation of the property is Industrial with a Sphere of Influence designation of Low Density Residential, the proposed de-annexation is approximately 0.52 +/- acres. The parcel located in the City is known as Assessor's Parcel No. 062-051-380.

The recommended approval is based on Staff's and the Technical Committee's recommendation with the determination that the General Plan Amendment to the land use map for property proposed to be de-annexed from the City limits of Yreka into the unincorporated area of Siskiyou County is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3). The project would allow existing use of property to remain as it currently is and will therefore not cause a significant effect on the environment.

Commissioner Ohlund seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Baird, Knitter, Leal, McAllister, Ohlund, Rolzinski
 NOES: None

Commissioner Osborn returned to the Commissioners table.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2010 MEETING

The Commission, having received a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held June 16, 2010, approved the minutes unanimously on a motion made by Commissioner Rolzinski and seconded by Commissioner Baird. The approval followed clarification that the minimum standard for paving parking areas, aisles and access drives is double chip and seal to provide for a durable, dustless surface pursuant to Y.M.C. 16.54.090 and was, therefore, not specifically included in the approval of the Evans and Dancer Storage Yard approvals.

COMMISSIONER TRAINING

City Attorney, Mary Frances McHugh, provided training on making good decisions and the process.

Discussion followed.

COMMISSIONER'S STATEMENTS & COMMENTS

It was questioned if it is allowed for people to be residing upstairs in the Franco American Hotel, because there is residential occupancy in the Hotel. Staff was unaware of a residential use of the Hotel and will investigate.

Concern was again expressed regarding the crosswalk on S. Main Street between the County Human Services building and the Sears/Shop Smart area. It was requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the August meeting for discussion/possible action.

Two Commissioners expressed concern regarding City vehicles including water truck, dump truck, and a City utility truck traveling at excessive speeds on Oregon Street. Commissioner Knitter was almost hit by one of them not stopping and cutting too sharp of a corner.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Pamela J. Hayden, Planning Director