

Williams Planning Commission Minutes

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Special Meeting of the Planning Commission
November 30, 2009
Minutes

The Planning Commission of the City of Williams meets this 30th day of November, 2009 at the hour of 7:00p.m.

1. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Bob Freeman, Nancy Marshall,
David Miles, and Chairman Sanders.

Absent: Ed Davis.

ALSO PRESENT:

Monica Aguayo, Assistant City Planner

Others: None.

2. Chairman Sanders opens the meeting at 7:00 p.m. leading with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Chairman Sanders declares time for a period of public comment.

After hearing no public comment, Chairman Sanders closes the period of public comment.

4. Chairman Sanders declares time for approval of the September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes.

After hearing no comments from the Commission or public Commissioner Marshall motioned to approve the September 28, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes, motion seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Freeman, Marshall, Miles, and
Chairman Sanders.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

5. Chairman Sanders declares time for approval of a Home Occupational Use Permit to operate an e-commerce/internet retail computer hardware business at 427 Eleventh Street.

Ms. Aguayo addressed the Planning Commission regarding the requested home occupational use permit. Ms. Aguayo explained the business proposes to operate by advertising merchandise on EBay or Amazon.com, the customer then places an order with the business owner through the internet or phone. The business owner then places the order with the wholesale distributor via the internet and the products are shipped directly to the customer's home.

Chairman Sanders opened the public hearing.

After hearing no comments from the Commission or public Chairman Sanders closes the public hearing. Commissioner Miles motioned to approve the Home Occupational Use Permit. Motioned seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Freeman, Marshall, Miles, and
Chairman Sanders.
Noes: None.
Abstain: None.

6. Chairman Sanders declares time for Ordinance 172-09 – Specific Regulations Regarding Murals.

Ms. Aguayo addressed the Planning Commission regarding a proposed Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 17.11 titled Signs. Ms. Aguayo explained at the last regular Planning Commission meeting staff was directed to bring forward for review and possible recommendation a process and criteria to address murals in the City of Williams. It is staff's recommendation that the Planning Commission recommend that City Council adopt Ordinance 172-09 Specific Regulations Regarding Murals.

Chairman Sanders opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Marshall expressed concern that the approval criteria did not specifically address nudity.

Chairman Sanders believed the ordinance as proposed addressed nudity. He also explained that he thought the ordinance was written vague enough but not too vague, which provided the Planning Commission with discretion to decide what was appropriate.

Commissioner Marshall inquired on the legality of enforcing specified criteria on proposed murals.

Discussion is held among the Planning Commissioners on whether the ordinance criteria addressed nudity, profanity, and scenes that can be deemed offensive.

Commissioner Miles motioned that we add “The mural shall not predict any nudity, fowl language, or any scene deemed offensive” to the proposed ordinance. Motion seconded by Commissioner Marshall.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Marshall, and Miles.

Noes: Commissioner Freeman, and Chairman Sanders.

Abstain: None.

Due to the split vote, the Planning Commission decided to table the ordinance amendment to the next regular Planning Commission meeting.

Ms. Aguayo addressed the Planning Commission regarding the General Plan & Zoning Update. Ms. Aguayo explained a consultant has been selected and the City is currently negotiating terms with the consultant. The Commission was also informed that the City will be forming a General Plan Advisory Committee and is requesting that two Planning Commissioners serve on the Committee to provide input and act as a liaison to the other Planning Commissioners to keep the Commission informed of the status and progress toward the General Plan and Zoning Update process.

Chairman Sanders adjourns the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Joel Sanders, Chairman

Attest: _____
Monica Aguayo, Assistant City Planner