

REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 9, 2020

VIDEO

Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 has allowed local legislative bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body. Also, see the Order by the Monterey County Public Health Officer issued March 17, 2020. The health and well-being of our residents is the top priority for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. To that end, this meeting will be held via teleconference and web-streamed on the City's website ONLY.

To attend via Teleconference; Dial in number 321-209-8039 PIN: 869 967 785# The public can also email comments to yoblender@ci.carmel.ca.us. Comments must be received 2 hours before the meeting in order to be provided to the legislative body. Comments received after that time and up to the beginning of the meeting will be added to the agenda and made part of the record.

MEETING 3:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Caddell called meeting to order at 3:30

Present: Commission Members Berling, Caddell, Myers, and Saroyan

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The following members of the public spoke:

Karen Ferlito

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Harary announced that Yvette Oblander will no longer be serving as the Commission's Secretary.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: Approval of minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting.

Chairman Caddell stated that he could not attend the July 9, 2020 meeting, so that should be reflected in the minutes. It was moved to accept the amended minutes by Commissioner Saroyan and seconded by Commissioner Myers. The Commission approved the minutes by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SAROYAN, MYERS, BERLING, CADDELL

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: MOSLEY
ABSTAIN: NONE

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Item A: Approval or denial of Tree Removal Permit 20-046 for 17 eucalyptus trees located at San Antonio Avenue and Fourth Avenue.

The City Forester provided the background on the application and a recommendation to approve the application. The City Forester answered questions from the Commissioners. Applicant Ms. Overett spoke and answered questions from the Commissioners.

The following members of the public spoke:

Karen Ferlito
Joey Canepa

It was moved to postpone a decision on the application until a more fleshed-out landscape plan, showing the entire site with both eucalyptus groves removed, is provided to the Commission by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Saroyan. The Commission approved the motion by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SAROYAN, MYERS, CADDELL
NOES: BERLING
ABSENT: MOSLEY
ABSTAIN: NONE

Item B: Approval or denial of Tree Removal Permit 20-079 for cypress located in the right of way adjacent to San Antonio Avenue two southwest of Second Avenue.

The City Forester provided the background on the application and a recommendation to replant the vegetation in the right of way when funding is available. The City Forester answered questions from the Commissioners.

The representative for the Purcell, Lindsey, and Totelian families, Tony Lombardo, spoke and answered questions. Mr. Lombardo stated that the neighbors would pay for the cost of a landscape architect to prepare a landscaping plan as well as the cost for the plant materials.

The following members of the public spoke:

Bill Purcell
Michelle Totelian
Karen Ferlito
Kathleen Correa

It was moved to approve the removal of the cypress, replant the right of way with appropriate vegetation, and potentially relocate the fence, all while in consultation with the neighbors by Commissioner Myers and seconded by Commissioner Berling. The Commission approved the motion by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SAROYAN, MYERS, BERLING, CADDELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: MOSLEY
ABSTAIN: NONE

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 3: Provide recommendation to the City Council regarding updated fees for Tree Appeals to the Forest and Beach Commission and Tree Appeals to the City Council

Director Harary provided a brief overview of this item.

It was moved to accept the recommendation to raise the fees for both appeals to the Forest and Beach Commission and to the City Council to \$1,425 by Commissioner Saroyan and seconded by Commissioner Myers. The Commission approved the motion by the following roll call vote:

AYES: SAROYAN, MYERS, CADDELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: MOSLEY, BERLING
ABSTAIN: NONE

Item 4: Forester's Report for May 2020, the State of the Forest, and a Vision for the Future

The City Forester gave the presentation. The Commissioners spoke in favor and in support of the Forester's initiatives and direction.

The following members of the public spoke:
Karen Ferlito

Item 5: Verbal Report regarding the format and content of the monthly Forester's Reports

Director Harary provided an overview of this item and noted that at the July 7, 2020 meeting, the City Council was supportive of the revised format and content of the Forester's Report while acknowledging some data may change as more information is obtained via the TreeKeeper program.

The following members of the public spoke:
Karen Ferlito

Item 6: Public Works Director's Report for June 2020

Director Harary provided his monthly Public Works report.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Enforcement mechanism
- Funding ideas

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Davis, City Forester, Interim Commission Secretary

Approved by:

Michael Caddell, Chair