



**CITY OF CORNING
JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION AND
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
794 Third Street
Corning, CA 96021**

A. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

**Council: Dave Demo
Karen Burnett
Shelly Hargens
Chuy Valerio**

**Planning Commission: Frank Barron
Melodie Poisson
Brant Mesker
James Pendergraft
Diana Robertson**

Mayor: Robert Snow

Chairperson:

All members of the Planning Commission were present.

All members of the City Council were present except Councilors Demo and Hargens.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by the City Manager.

D. INVOCATION: Led by Councilor Burnett.

E. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None

F. MINUTES:

- 1. Waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the December 22, 2020 Joint City Council/Planning Commission Meeting and Planning Commission Meeting with any necessary corrections.**

Commissioner Barron moved to approve the December 22, 2020 Joint City Council/Planning Commission Minutes; Commissioner Mesker seconded the motion. **Ayes: Robertson, Barron, Poisson, Mesker, and Pendergraft. Absent/Abstain/Opposed: None. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.**

G. PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS:

- 2. Presentation of the City of Corning Zoning Code Update.**

Planner 1 Christina Meeds stated that there are some significant changes as mandated by law. She then introduced Mark Teague of Place Works, Inc. who provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the proposed Corning Zoning Code Update.

Mr. Teague stated that the proposed changes in the City's Zoning Code are focused on:

- Addressing recent changes in State Housing Legislation that require the City to update their Zoning Code to reflect these changes;
- Modernizing portions of the Zoning Code; and
- Streamlining some of the processes.

He then emphasized that no properties were being rezoned due to this update, any amendments to what is allowed within each Zone are proposed only where required in order to comply with new laws. Some of the changes are driven by the Housing Element; some by State Law. He then provided an overview of the proposed changes, Code Amendments, Guidelines, and Standards emphasizing the difference between a guideline and a standard. Mr. Teague also presented Objective Design & Development Standards for Affordable Multi-Family Residential. He stated that there is flexibility in the Design Standards (page 23 of Matrix) to make sure that it fits in with our community; not much flexibility elsewhere as State Law Mandates. He explained that the Design Standards have a value.

Commissioner Barron asked for further definition/explanation of a “Reversed Corner Lot”; Mr. Teague provided this information.

Informational item only, no action was required.

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: None.

I. ADJOURNMENT!: 7:13 p.m. (Planning Commission and City Council Closed the Joint Meeting.

Lisa M. Linnet, City Clerk