



PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Regular Hearing

Commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

First Floor, City Hall Wing
200 East Santa Clara Street
San Jose, California

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SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

If you want to address the Commission, please fill out a speaker card located on the table near the Audio Visual Technician and deposit the completed card in the basket. There are also speaker cards in the back of the Chambers and at the side entrance.

The procedure for this hearing is as follows:

- After the staff report, applicants, and appellants may make a 5-minute presentation.
- The chair will call out names on the submitted speaker cards in the order received.
- As your name is called, line up in front of the microphone at the front of the Chamber. Each speaker will have two minutes. Speakers using a translator will have four minutes.
- After the public testimony, the applicant and appellant may make closing remarks for an additional five minutes.
- Planning Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. Response to Commissioner questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The public hearing will then be closed and the Planning Commission will take action on the item. The Planning Commission may request staff to respond to the public testimony, ask staff questions, and discuss the item.

If you challenge these land use decisions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at this public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The Planning Commission's action on rezonings, prezonings, General Plan Amendments and Code Amendments is only advisory to the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on these items. Section 20.120.400 of the Municipal Code provides the procedures for legal protests to the City Council on rezonings and prezonings. The Planning Commission's action on Conditional Use Permits is appealable to the City Council in accordance with Section 20.100.220 of the Municipal Code. Agendas and a binder of all staff reports have been placed on the table near the door for your convenience.

AGENDA
ORDER OF BUSINESS

WELCOME

Welcome to the Planning Commission Meeting. Please remember to turn off your cell phones. The parking validation machine for the garage under City Hall is located at the rear of the Chambers.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

SUMMARY OF HEARING PROCEDURES

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments to the Planning Commission on nonagendized items. Please fill out a speaker's card and give it to the technician. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. The commission cannot take any formal action without the item being properly noticed and placed on an agenda. In response to public comment, the Planning Commission is limited to the following options:

- Responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- Requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- Directing staff to place the item on a future agenda.

2. DEFERRALS AND REMOVALS FROM CALENDAR

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. A list of staff-recommended deferrals is available on the Press Table.

Staff will provide an update on the items for which deferral is being requested. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended, or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

a. **[PD14-014 \(Administrative Hearing\).](#)**

APPEAL of the Planning Director's decision to approve a Planned Development Permit to effectuate the Planned Development Zoning District (File No. PDC07-071) and allow a vertical expansion to an existing landfill, with no additional construction, on a 352 gross acre site in the A(PD) Planned Development Zoning District (1601 Dixon Landing Road) (International Disposal Corporation of California, Owner). Council District 4. CEQA: Determination of Consistency with the Newby Island Sanitary Landfill and the Recyclery Rezoning Project EIR, Resolution No. 76392. *Continued from 12/10/14; Deferred from 1/28/15; Continued from 2/11/15, 5/6/15, 6/24/15, & 2/24/16. PROJECT MANAGER, REBECCA BUSTOS*

[Public Correspondence received after May 6, 2015](#)

[Public Correspondence received after June 24, 2015](#)

Staff Recommendation:

1. Drop and re-notice for the 8/24/16 Planning Commission meeting per Staff request.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Planning Commission, staff, or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately.

Staff will provide an update on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on one of these items individually, please come to the podium at this time.

- a. **CP16-006 (Administrative Hearing)**. Conditional Use Permit to allow a school for up to 116 students within an existing approximately 22,215 square foot building with a proposed exterior play area within 150 feet of a residentially zoned property; to allow the maximum allowable noise level under Title 20 The Zoning Ordinance, at the property lines to be exceeded; and to allow an alternate parking arrangement with an adjacent property on a 4.45 gross acre site in the R-1-8 Single Family Residence Zoning District, located at the southeasterly corner of St. Elizabeth Drive and McKinley Avenue (950 St. Elizabeth Drive) (St Elizabeth Day Home, Owner). Council District 6. CEQA: Exempt per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (a) for Existing Facilities. *PROJECT MANAGER, EMILY LIPOMA*

Staff Recommendation:

1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
2. Approve a Conditional Use Permit Resolution as described above.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Generally, the Public Hearing items are considered by the Planning Commission in the order in which they appear on the agenda. However, please be advised that the Commission may take items out of order to facilitate the agenda, such as to accommodate significant public testimony, or may defer discussion of items to later agendas for public hearing time management purposes.

- a. **SF15-062 (Administrative Hearing)**. APPEAL of a Single-Family House Permit to allow an approximately 1,798 square foot addition (including a second story) to an approximately 1,344 square foot house for a proposed floor area ratio (FAR) of 0.52 on an approximately 0.14-gross acre site, in the R-1-8 Single-Family Residence Zoning District, located at 1511 Pyramid Court (Sweatt, Kevin and Dawn, Owners). Council District 1. CEQA: Exempt, per Section 15301(e) (2) for Existing Facilities. *PROJECT MANAGER, PATRICK KELLY*

Staff Recommendation:

1. Consider the Exemption in accordance with CEQA.
2. Uphold the Planning Director's decision and approve a Single Family House Permit Resolution as described above.

- b. **PP15-118**. To further goals and implement policies of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan (General Plan) related to protection of riparian corridors in the City, the project proposes amendments to Titles 20 (Zoning Code) and 23 (Sign Code) of the San José Municipal Code, and adoption of a new City Council Policy as described below:

1. Amendments and additions to Title 20 of the San José Municipal Code (the Zoning Code) to:
 - a. Add provisions requiring findings of consistency with the Envision San José 2040 General Plan (General Plan) goals and policies, and other City Council-adopted policies, including the new City Council Policy described under subsection 3 below;
 - b. Add provisions requiring proposed single-family house development in conventional zoning districts that involves ground-disturbing activity within 100 feet of a riparian corridor to obtain approval of a Single-family House Permit;

- c. Add definitions of “riparian” and “riparian corridor”; and;
 - d. Make other technical, formatting or non-substantive changes within the Zoning Code.
2. Amendment to Section 23.02.465 of Title 23 of the San José Municipal Code (the Sign Code) to delete this Section, so that the new definition in the Zoning Code will apply to the Sign Code under Section 23.02.010.B of the Sign Code.
 3. Adoption of a proposed new City Council Policy to provide guidance for riparian corridor protection in furtherance of the goals, policies, and actions of the General Plan for:
 - 1) protecting, preserving, or restoring riparian habitat; 2) limiting the creation of new impervious surface within riparian corridor setbacks to minimize flooding from urban runoff, and control erosion; and 3) encouraging bird-safe design in baylands and riparian habitats of lower Coyote Creek, north of State Route 237.
 - a. Clarifying standards for development and activities located up to three hundred (300) feet of the edge of a riparian corridor, including but not limited to limitations on activities, new structures, and impervious surfaces within riparian setbacks;
 - b. Providing bird-safe design standards for development located within the area north of State Route 237 to reduce the potential for bird strikes for species associated with baylands or riparian habitats of lower Coyote Creek.

Council City: Citywide. CEQA: Pursuant to Section 15168(c) of the CEQA Guidelines, the City of San José has determined that the proposed project is within the scope of the Envision San José 2040 General Plan, and the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately described by the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Environmental Impact Report, adopted by City Council Resolution No. 76041 on November 1, 2011; and the Envision San José 2040 General Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, adopted by City Council Resolution 77617 on December 15, 2015. The City of San José has prepared a Determination of Consistency with the Envision San José 2040 General Plan FEIR as supplemented. *PROJECT MANAGER, DIPA CHUNDUR*

Staff Recommendation:

1. Recommend to the City Council the approval of an Ordinance amending Titles 20 and 23 as described above.
2. Recommend to the City Council the adoption of a new City Council Policy as described above.

5. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES

No Items

6. GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Report from City Council
- b. Review and Approve Synopsis from [5-11-16](#)
- c. Subcommittee Formation, Reports, and Outstanding Business
- d. Commission Calendar and Study Sessions
- e. The Public Record

ADJOURNMENT

2016 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
January 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
February 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
February 24	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
March 9	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
March 23	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
April 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
April 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
May 4	5:00 p.m.	<i>Study Session/Public Hearing:</i>	<i>Council Chambers</i>
<i>2016/2017 Capital Budget & 2017/2021 Capital Improvement Program</i>			
May 4	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
May 11	6:30 p.m.	Regular & General Plan	Council Chambers
May 25	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
June 8	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
June 22	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
July 13	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Wing Room 118 & 119
July 27	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Wing Room 118, 119, & 120
August 10	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
August 24	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
September 14	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
September 28	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
October 12	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
October 26	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
November 2	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
November 16	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
December 7	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers
December 14	6:30 p.m.	Regular	Council Chambers

ABOUT THE PLANNING COMMISSION

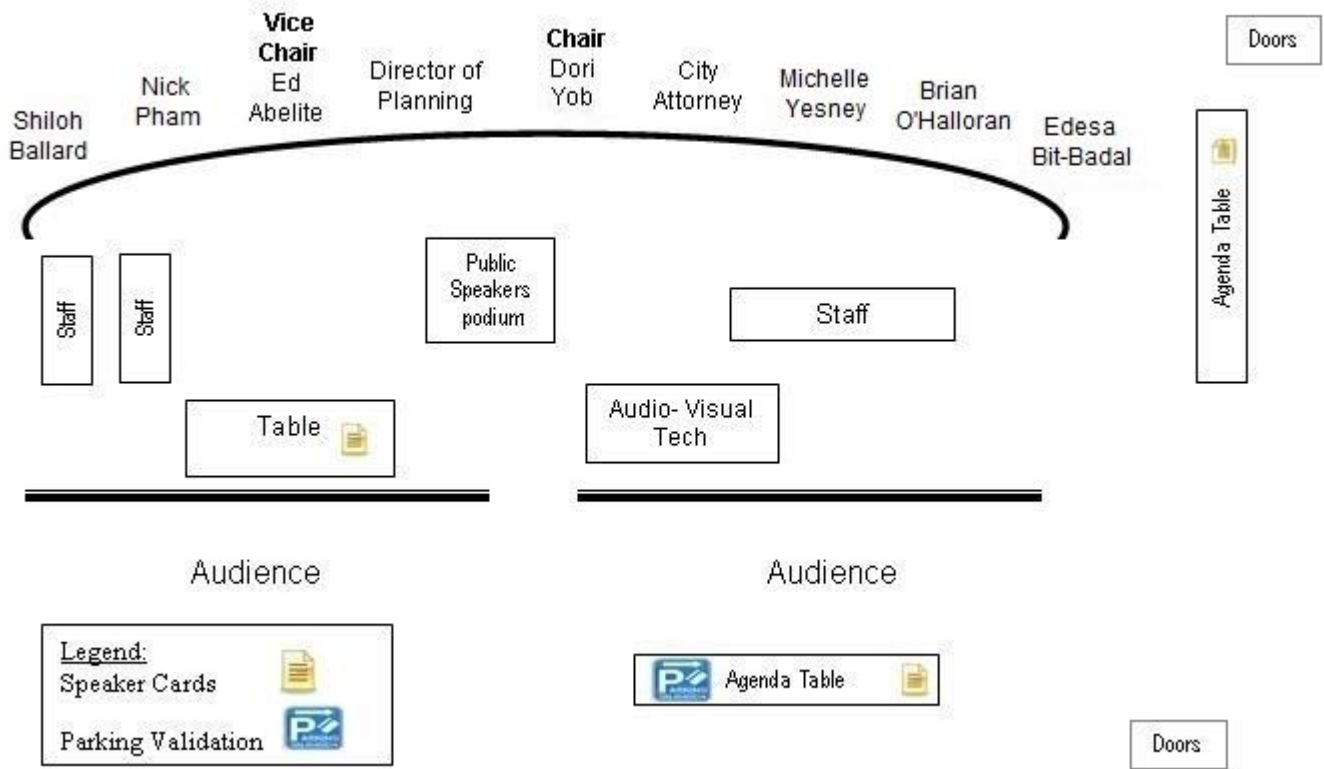
The Planning Commission is a seven-member body, appointed by the City Council, which performs two types of actions:

- One type is “Quasi-Legislative” in nature in which the Planning Commission makes recommendations to the City Council regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of general or specific plans, Zoning Code provisions, or regulations related to the land use development, redevelopment, rehabilitation or renewal of the City, including its Capital Improvement Programs.
- The second type of action is “Quasi-Judicial” in nature in which the Planning Commission applies previously adopted legislation to particular applications and acts as a decision-making or appellate body. Examples of these types of actions include Commission decisions on Conditional Use Permits, appeals of the Planning Director’s decisions on certain land use permits, and the certification of Environmental Impact Reports.

A notation of “Administrative Hearing” for an agenda item indicates that the item is a Quasi-Judicial action of the Commission in order to assist the public in understanding the role of the Planning Commission on a particular item.

To effectively manage the Planning Commission Agenda, and to be sensitive to concerns regarding the length of public hearing, the Planning Commission may determine to proceed with remaining agendized items past 11:00 p.m., or to continue this hearing to a later date, or to defer remaining items to the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting date. The decision on how to proceed will be heard by the Planning Commission no later than 11:00 p.m.

Seating Chart within the City Council Chambers:



The San José Planning Commission generally meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Agendas and Staff Reports for Planning Commission items may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1764>

The City of San Jose is committed to open and honest government and strives to consistently meet the community's expectations by providing excellent service, in a positive and timely manner, and in the full view of the public. The City Code of Ethics may be viewed on-line at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3818>

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Planning Commission hearings are video recorded and broadcasted live. To view the live broadcast or past hearing recordings go to the Internet website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=3431>

If you have any agenda questions, please contact Support Staff at (408) 535-5695 or email. Thank you for taking the time to attend today's meeting. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CP	Conditional Use Permit
DA	Development Agreement
PD	Planned Development Permit
PDC	Planned Development Zoning

CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS

The Code of Conduct is intended to promote open meetings that welcome debate of public policy issues being discussed by the City Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, their Committees, and City Boards and Commissions in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy, and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum:

- a) Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior, which will disrupt the public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing or engaging in any other activity in a manner that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
- c) Persons in the audience will refrain from using cellular phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d) Appropriate attire, including shoes and shirts are required in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms at all times.
- e) Persons in the audience will not place their feet on the seats in front of them.
- f) No food, drink (other than bottled water with a cap), or chewing gum will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, except as otherwise pre-approved by City staff.
- g) All persons entering the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, including their bags, purses, briefcases and similar belongings, may be subject to search for weapons and other dangerous materials.

2. Signs, Objects or Symbolic Material:

- a) Objects and symbolic materials, such as signs or banners, will be allowed in the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms, with the following restrictions:
 - No objects will be larger than 2 feet by 3 feet.
 - No sticks, posts, poles or other such items will be attached to the signs or other symbolic materials.
 - The items cannot create a building maintenance problem or a fire or safety hazard.
- b) Persons with objects and symbolic materials such as signs must remain seated when displaying them and must not raise the items above shoulder level, obstruct the view or passage of other attendees, or otherwise disturb the business of the meeting.
- c) Objects that are deemed a threat to persons at the meeting or the facility infrastructure are not allowed. City staff is authorized to remove items and/or individuals from the Council Chambers and Committee Rooms if a threat exists or is perceived to exist. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: firearms (including replicas and antiques), toy guns, explosive material, and ammunition; knives and other edged weapons; illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia; laser pointers, scissors, razors, scalpels, box cutting knives, and other cutting tools; letter openers, corkscrews, can openers with points, knitting needles, and hooks; hairspray, pepper spray, and aerosol containers; tools; glass containers; and large backpacks and suitcases that contain items unrelated to the meeting.

**CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND COMMITTEE ROOMS (CONT'D)**

3. Addressing the Council, Redevelopment Agency Board, Committee, Board or Commission:
- a) Persons wishing to speak on an agenda item or during open forum are requested to complete a speaker card and submit the card to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
 - b) Meeting attendees are usually given two (2) minutes to speak on any agenda item and/or during open forum; the time limit is in the discretion of the Chair of the meeting and may be limited when appropriate. Applicants and appellants in land use matters are usually given more time to speak.
 - c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
 - d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners, or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
 - e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
 - f) If an individual wishes to submit written information, he or she may give it to the City Clerk or other administrative staff at the meeting.
 - g) Speakers and any other members of the public will not approach the dais at any time without prior consent from the Chair of the meeting.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct which will disturb, disrupt or impede the orderly conduct of the meeting may result in removal from the meeting and/or possible arrest.