

MINUTES

SPECIAL WORK SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF IMPERIAL OCTOBER 20, 2021 5:00 P.M.

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CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:00 PM

MAYOR EUGENIO called the meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL PARTICIPATION:

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: AMPARANO, BURNWORTH, TUCKER, DALE AND EUGENIO

***VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE:** NONE

PLANNING COMMISSION ATTENDANCE:

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: ABATTI, HARVEY, RIVERA, MENDOZA, AND HAMMERNESS

CITY STAFF PARTICIPATION:

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: MORITA, BROWN, HOLBROOK, MORA, SHEFFIELD, AND LOPEZ

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: GUTIERREZ

OTHER PARTICIPATION:

PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE: JENNY AN, ROSS DUENAS, ANNA GARATE, JOHNATHAN SANCHEZ

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: MONIQUE CHEN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by COMMISSIONER HARVEY

NO ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO THE AGENDA

A. PUBLIC APPEARANCES:

A-1. Matters appearing on the agenda.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: NONE

B. ACTION ITEMS: (DISCUSSION/ACTION – APPROVE-DISAPPROVE)**B-1. SUBJECT: DISCUSSION ONLY: SR 86 VISION BLUEPRINT****DISCUSSION:**

Jenny An (AN), Ross Duenas (DUENAS), Anna Garate (GARATE), and Johnathan Sanchez (SANCHEZ) of Chen Ryan and Associates introduced themselves as a multi-disciplinary team to the Council and Commission. AN provided an overview of the project, presenting the goals and objectives of the SR 86 Vision Blueprint for consideration. AMPARANO, DALE and EUGENIO referenced their desire for beautification and mobility elements throughout the project scope. AMPARANO stated his concern for commercial trucks mobility through the corridor, but stated that we needed to slow down the speed. AMPARANO also stated that he would like to see dedicated bike lanes on both sides, but in the summer wasn't sure if they would get used. AMPARANO and DALE encouraged consideration of traffic calming measures such as roundabouts to the COUNCIL and COMMISSION. ABATTI voiced her concern that whatever improvements are made they must be easily maintained and sustainable for the valley's climate. DALE mentioned that the City should consider that this is a right-to-farm community, and to ensure that the lanes are wide enough for some equipment movement and commercial trucks. AMPARANO BURNWORTH and MENDOZA stated that the priority should be safety for pedestrians at controlled intersections. MENDOZA referred to the fact that her husband is an avid bicyclist and frequently uses SR 86 to commute. Safety in the corridor for active transportation is a necessity. MENDOZA also stated that the City should be planning for different traffic control measures south of 2nd street along the commercial corridor. RIVERA commented on ABATTI'S concerns regarding sustainability and mentioned that once these improvements are in place, people will naturally want to slow down with the new esthetics. HARVEY concurred with the overall sentiment expressed and stated that this will change the trajectory of the City. HARVEY stated that we have always been a City of firsts and making us a destination is only fitting for our next phase of growth.

DIRECTION:

CITY COUNCIL and PLANNING COMMISSION gave direction on the project goals and strategies for the SR 86 VISION BLUEPRINT as follows:

- Build a Destination that people want to stop at and visit; and
- Create walkable areas with opportunities for active recreation; and
- Improve pedestrian and bicycle connections across SR 86; and
- Reduce vehicle travel speeds and discourage large commercial vehicles; and

- Make the street attractive through landscape, vibrant, drought, tolerant plants. Paving, and more; and
- Identify gateway features to signify the entrance to the City of Imperial.

MAYOR EUGENIO ADJOURNED THE SPECIAL WORK SESSION AT 6:25 P.M. TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL.

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