

**CALL TO ORDER**

Planning Secretary Serena Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners: Co-Chairman, Claire Lackie, Larry McCourtie and Alex Kaylor

**Absent:** Nathan Beus and Rex Robins

**Staff:** City Planner, Darryl Piercy and Planning Secretary, Serena Martinez

Quorum established.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

The City opens a formal election of Chairman and Co-Chairman a nomination of Larry McCourtie for Chair Motion/Seconded (Lackie/Kaylor). Claire Lackie is nominated as vice-chair Motion/Seconded (Kaylor/McCourtie)

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 16, 2010 PC MINUTES**

Minutes of November 16, 2010 are deferred to the April 19<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting.

**CANTU REZONE – RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

Public Hearing opens at - Darryl Piercy is the city planner for the City of Othello is the application asking for the rezone of Commercial-1 to Industrial-1, the applicant has indicated to staff is to allow the continued use on his site. Code Enforcement action has prompted the rezone. The neighboring property owners have written letters opposing the rezone. McCourtie verifies the location of the property. Oscar M. Cantu speaks on behalf of his rezone. He is requesting the rezone for parking of his semi-trucks and perform minor repair of the trucks no motor repairs will be performed. A Majority of the time reefer trailers will be parked onsite as well as a couple trucks. The property was described as the old Caterpillar Shop on the eastern most 2.7 acres. McCourtie asks about the truck washing water and the plan for the storm water treatment. Mr. Piercy clarifies that the storm water treatment will be required upon a conditional use permit. The floor is open for comment. Doyle Palmer speaks about spot zoning and gives examples of other individuals in town who would like to rezone as well. With C-2 zoning there is usually a c-1 buffer. Mr. Palmer requests that the Planning Commission review this thoroughly and not begin spot zoning in Othello and maintain our standards. The staff recommendation was purely based on current surrounding rural agricultural properties. Mr. Cantu gives his closing argument. The Public Hearing is closed at 6:35 p.m.

The Commissioners review the application and information provided. Lackie states that the Industrial zone is inappropriate. Commissioners recap the information presented to them. The Commissioners Recommend denial of the Industrial-1 zone with the suggestion of the C-2 zoning to the City Council Motion/Seconded (Lackie/Kaylor).

**MICHEL REZONE – RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

Darryl Piercy presents on behalf of the Michel Rezone. The Public Hearing is opened at 6:43 p.m. The applicant is requesting the rezone of 33.71 acres. Applicant is requesting that 24 acres of C-1 be rezoned to R-4, 6.9 acres from C-2 to R-4 and 2.02 acres from R-2 to C-1. The state has no objection as long as the plat is noted that the developer be responsible for noise abatement be the developers responsibility. The City is recommending approval of this request. The representing party, Columbia Northwest Engineering, is given the opportunity to comment on the rezone. The applicant is asking for a recommendation of approval to city council for the rezone request. Pete Olsen, 808 Mockingbird Ct., speaks about the area and the natural buffer provided by the natural terrain. The staff comments on the need for additional residential land. The public is given the opportunity to speak. Commissioner Kaylor moves that they recommend to the city council to approve the Michel rezone application. Seconded Lackie.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION- COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT** – The commissioners agree to review the information and review at the next meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no other business at hand Chairman Larry McCourtie asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting the next meeting is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Motion/Seconded Lackie/Kaylor.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Serena Martinez, Planning Secretary

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