
CALL TO ORDER Planning Chairman, Larry McCourtie, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. November 19, 2012.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chairman Larry McCourtie, Terry Thompson, Rex Robbins and Clair Lackie

Staff: City Planner, Darryl Piercy and Planning Secretary, Trisha Tolley

Quorum Established.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 19, 2012 MEETING

Minutes of October 15, 2012 are approved without discussion. M/S Lackie/Thompson

Request from A.J. Ochoa of Terra Gold Farms, Inc. for Rezone.

Darryl Piercy explained that Mr. Ochoa would like to ask for a rezone for the parcel that is currently zoned residential from 7th street on the West side, to 14th street on the East, Lee Road on the North and Olympia on the South, to Open Space. This would utilize the farm use as it is currently being done; the Open Space zone in the Othello Municipal Code agriculture use is permitted. The site is irrigated and has a pivot and is currently an active farm unit. The crops are grown there and are being harvested and commercially produced. The request is so that agriculture use can be used across the entire parcel, because as it currently stands the use that is currently happening there is non-conforming with the zoning code. We would like to correct that and have the entire site be zoned Open Space so that the agriculture use that has historically taken place and is anticipated to take place in the future would be allowed to continue. The second element of this request to look at the section of the code that prohibits the use of an electric fence throughout any area of the city, regardless of the zoning. The property owner has ask the city to be able to utilize the use of an electric fence so that when their sheep are on site, they have a portable system to put up to contain the sheep as well as keep potential predators out of the site, such as coyotes and/or domestic animals such as dogs. This request was to allow these electric fences only in the Open Space Zone. It was recommended that there be a setback of 25' for the electric fence and that there be a sign indicating that it was an electric fence for safety. Chairman Larry McCourtie is recommending that the zoning be changed to Open Space and the section of the Municipal Code prohibiting electric fences be modified to allow electric fences in the Open Space zone with the setbacks of 25'. M/S Thompson/Lackie

Request from Jon C. Warling, President of Mar Jon Management, Inc. for Rezone.

The purchaser of the Parcel # 1529030540109, lots 109 thru 114, Bonnells Residential, which is now zoned Commercial, is requesting that the Commercial zoning to be changed to the same zoning as the surrounding areas, which is R-4. It is believed that it was a mapping error, but not knowing the history we wanted to do a formal zone change. M/S Robbins/Thompson

ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business at hand Chairman Larry McCourtie asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2012. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm. M/S Robbins/ Lackie

By: _____ Date: _____
Trisha Tolley, Planning Secretary

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