

5. PLANNING COMMISSION SYNOPSIS - OCTOBER 23, 2024  
No action required.



**SYNOPSIS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
OCTOBER 23, 2024**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
6:00 P.M.  
NORWALK CITY HALL/COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**Linda Lopez, Chair  
Kim Apodaca, Vice Chair  
Rosa Barragan, Planning Commissioner  
Evelyn Nuno, Planning Commissioner  
Lisa Vernola-Salas, Planning Commissioner**

**Public Comment:** The public is encouraged to address the Planning Commission on any matter listed on the agenda or on any other matter within its jurisdiction subject to the rules and proceedings described in Section 2.16.060 of the Norwalk Municipal Code. If you wish to address the Planning Commission, please complete the card that is provided at the rear entrance to Council Chambers and hand the card to the Secretary. The Planning Commission will hear public comment on items listed on the agenda during discussion of the matter and prior to a vote. The Planning Commission will hear public comment on matters not listed on the agenda during the Oral Communications period.

Pursuant to provisions of the **Brown Act**, no action may be taken on a matter unless it is listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. The Planning Commission may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future Planning Commission meeting.

Please adhere to the following procedures when addressing the Planning Commission:

- ◆ Comments should be limited to 3 minutes or less.
- ◆ Comments should be directed to the Planning Commission as a whole and not directed to individual Planning Commission members.

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**CALL TO ORDER**  
**FLAG SALUTE**  
**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

6:00 P.M.  
Vice Chair Apodaca  
Commissioner Barragan, Commissioner Nuno, Commissioner Vernola-Salas and Vice Chair Apodaca. Chair Lopez was absent.

1. **MEETING MINUTES** – Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the minutes of the Special Planning Commission Meetings of June 26 and July 10, 2024.  
**Planning Commission Action: Approved.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

2. **ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 2024-05**  
To amend various sections of Title 17 the Norwalk Municipal Code to update the City's Density Bonus ordinance and update the definition of "Family".  
**Staff Recommendation:** That the Planning Commission:  
(1) Adopt Resolution No. 24-11 to recommend approval to City Council for Zoning Text Amendment No. 2024-05; and  
(2) Consider and find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption), where it can be seen with certainty there is no possibility that the activity in question may have significant effect on the environment.  
**Planning Commission Action: Approved staff's recommendation by a vote of 4-0.**

**STUDY SESSION WORKSHOP**

3. **ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT ORDINANCE UPDATE SESSION WORKSHOP**  
**Staff Recommendation:** That the Planning Commission:  
(1) Receive staff's ADU workshop presentation; and  
(2) Provide comment and direct staff to return with an ADU ordinance or other Zoning Code Text Amendment as necessary.  
**Planning Commission Action: Approved staff's recommendation.**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Alex Hamilton, Interim Director of Community Development, shared that Mercy Housing is holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Veterans Villas at 13601 San Antonio Drive on Friday, November 15, 2024, and that the Planning Commissioners will be invited.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**7:50 P.M.**