

PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission convened both in-person at 201 N. Railroad Street, Ridgway, Colorado and via Zoom Meeting, a virtual meeting platform, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with Commissioners Foyster, Nelson, Petruccelli, Mayor-Pro-Tem Meyer, Mayor Clark and Chairperson Montague in attendance. Commissioner Liske was absent.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER

1. Mayor Clark welcomed Pam Foyster as the newly appointed commissioner who will replace Jennifer Franz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Public Comment regarding the Intersection at US Highway 550 and the Vista Terrace Subdivision

The Chairperson opened the meeting for public comment per the request of resident Kuno Vollenweider.

Kuno Vollenweider suggested the Town consider providing direct access to the parcels located east of US Highway 550. He said this would provide the secondary egress needed for the Four Winds application, and the Vista Terrace Subdivision. Vollenweider said the egress needed for over forty years would separate the traffic for persons who directly access the Town from the east or that travel north of the area on the highway where the most congestion occurs. Mr. Vollenweider noted safe pedestrian connectivity should also be considered. He stated there is a "portion of the Town that does not feel like it's part of the Town" due to connectivity issues.

The Chairperson closed the meeting for public comment.

WORK SESSION:

3. Ridgway Municipal Code (RMC) Chapter 7, Planning and Zoning Updates

Staff Report dated February 28, 2023, presenting background, analysis and recommendation prepared by Katie Kent and TJ Dlubac, AICP of Community Planning Strategies.

Katie Kent presented a red-line version of changes made to RMC, Chapter 7, *Planning and Zoning* highlighting the updates inserted from the last Planning Commission Work Session in January, and noted definitions were added for clarity when navigating the chapter. The Planning Commission discussed the updates with Staff and the Planners. They provided feedback to Ms.

Kent throughout the presentation. The Commissioners agreed to the proposed timeline that suggested the approved adoption for the revision of Chapter 7. They noted a decision will be made regarding an extension of the Emergency Ordinance dated August 10, 2022, declaring a moratorium on certain building applications at the March Planning Commission Regular Meeting to ensure completion of the Chapter 7 update process.

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### 3. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting of January 31, 2023

##### ACTION:

Mayor Clark moved to approve the Minutes from January 31, 2023. Commissioner Petruccelli seconded the motion. On a call for the roll call vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Christian  
Deputy Clerk