

RESOLUTION 16-4PC

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO RECOMMENDING ADOPTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN (“GENERAL PLAN 2035”) AND ZONING MAP

WHEREAS, Section 65300 of the Government Code of the State of California authorizes cities to prepare long-range comprehensive guides known as general plans; and,

WHEREAS, Section 65361 of the Government Code of the State of California limits the amendment of the West Sacramento General Plan to not more than four times per year; and,

WHEREAS, this Resolution is presented as the second amendment of 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento has been operating under a General Plan adopted in 1990 consisting of General Plan text and maps; and,

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento City Council determined that the existing General Plan had to be revised in accordance with State Law, to set new direction for the future of the City, and to add or expand the elements of the General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan will supersede the 1990 General Plan text and maps; and,

WHEREAS, the Housing Element was previously adopted by the City Council in 2013 and shall remain in full force and effect; and,

WHEREAS, the City of West Sacramento selected Mintier & Associates (now known as Mintier Harnish) to begin the General Plan update on December 2006; and,

WHEREAS, a background report was completed in September 2009 and updated in July 2015 with new census data; and,

WHEREAS, the City Planning staff subsequently initiated a wide ranging five-year citizen participation program that included community workshops, a public information effort, public workshops and hearings, and other outreach efforts extending beyond the requirements of the law; and,

WHEREAS, the first of five community workshops was held in April 2007 and participants were given the ability to map out their ideas for the future of the City of West Sacramento; and,

WHEREAS, additional public workshops were held at several noticed City commission meetings, at the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce meetings, and at the West Sacramento Civic Center between April 2007 and September 2016; and,

WHEREAS, staff presented annual status reports to both the Planning Commission and City Council beginning July 2007 through September 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the City determined that an Environmental Impact Report needed to be prepared for the update to the General Plan in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission had duly considered all information presented to it, including written staff reports and oral testimony provided at the public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing updates to the General Plan and Land Use Map and forwarding a recommendation to the City Council on the adoption or adoption with modifications of the General Plan and Map; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan contains a thorough and adequate treatment of land use, economic, environmental, and development issues within the realm of the planning period. The General Plan contains Land Use, Urban Structure and Design, Economic Development, Housing, Mobility, Public Facilities and Services, Parks and Recreation, Natural and Cultural Resources, Safety, and Healthy Community Elements; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan is internally consistent and would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience and welfare of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan encourages appropriate land uses, preservation of neighborhood character and natural resources, infill of vacant land area, new multi-family residential development, provision of urban services and utilities, pedestrian facilities and enhancement of the property tax base; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan includes a wide variety of objectives, policies, and implementing programs designed to enhance the public, health, safety and welfare, including the Safety Element which addresses soil limitations, flood hazard, potable water supplies, emergency preparedness, fire protection, and police protection; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan addresses the issue of Global Warming and contains numerous policies designed to reduce the impact of future development on climate change; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed General Plan amendment has been processed in accordance with the California Government Code, and the City has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission forwards the list of recommended additions or changes contained as Attachment A hereto, to the City Council for their consideration on the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Planning Commission of the City of West Sacramento:

- 1) Directs staff to put the recommended amendments in ordinance and resolution format for presentation to the City Council; and,
- 2) Include Attachment A hereto; and,
- 3) Finds that General Plan 2035 and corresponding zoning map amendments promote the environmentally sustainable development through the goals and policies that balance the need for development and economic vitality, with the need for resource management, environmental protection, and preservation of quality of life for West Sacramento residents; and
- 4) The General Plan 2035 and zoning map amendments are the products of comprehensive public planning efforts driven by members of the public, commissions, Chamber of Commerce, and the City Council, through a series of public meetings, hearing and workshops that resulted in a thoughtful balance of community, economic, developmental, and environmental interests; and,
- 5) Hereby recommends that the City Council certify the Environmental Impact Report, adopt the findings of fact, statement of overriding considerations and mitigation

monitoring plan for the General Plan Update and zoning map amendment, and adopt the General Plan Update and zoning map amendment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the City of West Sacramento this 1st day of November, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Austin, Kelter, Liebig, Moore, Sturfels, Tumber, Guerrero

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Martha Guerrero, Chair
West Sacramento Planning Commission

ATTEST:



David W. Tiley, Planning Commission Secretary