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Planning & Zoning Commission

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REGULAR MEETING

City of Pueblo, Colorado

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers – 301 West B Street

Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. with Chairperson Weston Burrer presiding.

Commissioners Present: Weston Burrer, Brandice Eslinger, Jeff Falletta, Chris Kaufman, Jean Latka, Brian Lucas, and Raymond Seybold.

Staff Members Present: Julie Ann Woods, Director of Planning; Jeff Bailey, P.E., Assistant City Manager for Development Services; Paul Willumstad, Attorney for the Planning and Zoning Commission; and Pepper Whittlef, Transportation Engineer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Commissioner Latka to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lucas. **Motion passed 7-0.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION

1. **SNC-12-01 – Street Name Change:** Grand Avenue to Alan Hamel Avenue between Union Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue.

BACKGROUND

Staff report given by Pepper Whittlef.

This piece of Grand Avenue runs adjacent to City Hall and then passes by HARP over to Santa Fe Drive. Upon receipt of this request, Staff was charged with completing a technical analysis. For this particular request and because Mr. Hamel is deserving of this honor, Staff is recommending alternatives versus denial. The Pueblo Municipal Code, Section 12-4-7 specifically requires that the City maintain consistent street names of streets that are obvious continuations. In this instance, the Code was written to avoid a street such as 4th Street, Lincoln Avenue, and Thatcher Avenue that are all one street, but have sections named differently. This makes it very difficult for drivers, especially drivers from out of town, to recognize when the change happens. Another concern about changing this specific street name is because of its location in the downtown area next to HARP. This particular piece of

Grand Avenue is already difficult for the public to find because of mapping changes that have occurred over time. Due to this, Staff is concerned about creating confusion for emergency responders and impairing the ability of utility companies to perform locates correctly.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Move that the requested Street Name Change be **DENIED** and one of the following alternative recommendations approved instead:

1. Rename the north/south leg of the Riverwalk from Riverwalk Place to Alan Hamel Avenue
2. Give this portion of Grand Avenue an “honorary” name of Alan Hamel Avenue.
3. Name a new street in a future development to Alan Hamel Avenue.

HEARING

Woody Percival, Pueblo Fire Department, 1515 Bonforte Boulevard, Pueblo, CO appeared and testified that the Fire Department had no opposition to this request.

No one spoke in opposition to the application.

Chairperson Burrer closed the hearing and requested a motion.

COMMISSION ACTION

Motion was made by Council Person Kaufman to approve the street name change as requested, seconded by Commissioner Lucas. **Motion passed 7-0.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2012 Public Hearing by Commissioner Latka, seconded by Commissioner Seybold. **Motion passed 7-0.**

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing for November will convene on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

SCHEDULE WORK SESSION

The Work Session for October will convene on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the Planning Conference Room, 211 East D Street.

STAFF INTRODUCTION

Julie Ann Woods was introduced to the Planning and Zoning Commission as the new Director of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Weston Burren
Chairperson

Jeff M. Bailey, P.E.
Executive Secretary

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