

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PALISADE PLANNING COMMISSION June 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Amy Gekas. Present were Commissioners LisaMarie Pinder, David Hull, Alex Sparks, Ed Seymour, and Vice Chair Brandon Burke. Commissioner Brett Zahrte was absent. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Clerk Keli Frasier, Community Development Director Devan Aziz, and Special Event Coordinator Rebecca Loucks.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Commissioner Hull, seconded by Vice-Chair Burke, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion #2 by Commissioner Hull, seconded by Commissioner Seymour, to approve the minutes of June 3, 2025, as presented.

A voice vote was requested. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Community Development Director Aziz announced and explained the wildfire management program.

PUBLIC HEARING I

Ordinance 2025-05 Repealing and Replacing Section 10.10 of the Palisade Land Development Code Chair Gekas opened the public hearing at 6:03 pm.

Community Development Director Aziz gave a brief presentation that addressed technological advances, improved safety standards, ensured First Amendment compliance, and provided clarity on enforcement procedures.

Chair Gekas opened the discussion to public comment.

Mark Authier, Palisade, CO, inquired whether the streetlight on the corner of 4th and Main Streets can be shielded.

Members of the Commission and Community Development Director Aziz discussed the following items and concerns:

- The definition of parapet (under the awning/marquee section of the Code)
- Existing signs that will be made non-compliant with the adoption of the proposed Ordinance
- Window Signs
- Business Open/Closed Signs

Motion #3 by Vice-Chair Burke, seconded by Commissioner Hull, to forward a recommendation of approval of Ordinance 2025-05, with amendments excluding open/closed signs and clarification of parapet to the Board of Trustees.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Vice-Chair Burke, Commissioner Sparks, Chair Gekas, Commissioner Pinder, Commissioner Hull, Commissioner Seymour

No:

Absent: Commissioner Zahrte

Motion carried.

Chair Gekas closed the public hearing at 6:24 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were offered.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #4 by Vice-Chair Burke, seconded by Commissioner Hull, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

Keli Frasier, CMC Town Clerk

Amy Gekas Planning Commission Chair