



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PALISADE PLANNING COMMISSION  
August 6, 2024**

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, Dave Hull, Brandon Burke, and Vice-Chair Ed Seymour. Absent was Commissioner Don Bosch. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Community Development Director Devan Aziz, and Town Clerk Keli Frasier.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

*Motion #1* by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Vice-Chair Seymour, to approve the agenda as amended to remove the approval of the July 16, 2024, Planning Commission minutes.

A voice vote was requested.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Removed from Agenda.*

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Town Manager Janet Hawkinson reviewed current and ongoing projects led by the Town of Palisade.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2024-04 - Reducing Maximum Building Heights and Density in Nonresidential Districts and Reducing Maximum Building Heights in Residential Districts.**

Community Development Director Aziz reviewed the proposed Ordinance and led Commission discussion on Height Maximums in zoning districts throughout the Town of Palisade.

*Motion #2* by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Hull, to forward a recommendation of approval of Ordinance 2024-04 to the Palisade Board of Trustees.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Vice-Chair Seymour, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Pinder, Commissioner Hull, Chair Gekas  
**No:**  
**Absent:** Commissioner Bosch

Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2024-05 – A Temporary Moratorium on The Establishment of Any Electric Scooter Rental Businesses in the Town of Palisade.**

Community Development Director Aziz reviewed the proposed Ordinance and led Commission discussion on a temporary moratorium on the establishment of any electric scooter rental businesses in the Town of Palisade.

Chair Gekas opened the discussion to Public Comment.

Rickie Howie of Grand Junction spoke in favor of how the e-scooter businesses have evolved since beginning in Grand Junction.

Marc Authier of Palisade agreed the temporary moratorium was a good idea in order to create rules and regulations and encouraged the Commission to review other town's successes and failures of allowing the businesses.

*Motion #3* by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Vice-Chair Seymour, to forward a recommendation of approval of Ordinance 2024-05 to the Palisade Board of Trustees.

A roll call vote was requested.

**Yes:** Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Pinder, Commissioner Hull, Chair Gekas, Vice-Chair Seymour  
**No:**

**Absent:** Commissioner Bosch

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Small Dog-Park Installation in Peach Bowl Park**

Community Development Director Aziz gave a brief presentation and led Commission discussion on the design and installment of a small-dog dog park in Peach Bowl Park.

Chair Gekas opened the discussion to Public Comment.

Marc Authier of Palisade inquired about possible mild enforcement of the rules set for the small dog park.

*The consensus of the Commission is that enforcement of the rules will be a challenge, and asked to have staff provide more information, including costs, and bring it back to a future meeting. They went on to express their aversion to any park using chainlink materials as fencing.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rickie Howie of Grand Junction expressed concerns about her experiences at the Palisade Sunday Farmer's Market and provided general information on First Amendment Rights.

Commissioner Hull asked if additional bicycle racks could be installed between parklets in downtown Palisade. Town Manager Hawkinson advised the businesses have requested that those areas stay open for pedestrian access.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion #4* by Commissioner Hull, seconded by Commissioner Burke, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm.

A voice vote was requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

X *Keli Frasier*

Keli Frasier, CMC  
Town Clerk

X *Amy Gekas*

Amy Gekas  
Planning Commission Chair

