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# CITY OF INDIO

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## **A G E N D A**

### **Planning Commission**

### **August 26, 2020**

### **6:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting**

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*Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, members of the Planning Commission or staff may participate in this meeting via a teleconference. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing, members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically. There will be no in-person public access to the meeting location.*

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*As it relates to the comments on public hearing items, comments will be accepted to the e-mail address identified above during the public hearing until the hearing is closed.*

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Chairperson Gloria Franz  
Vice-Chairperson Jacqueline "Jackie" Lopez  
Commissioner Nicco Alexander Ysiano  
Commissioner Ascencion "Sam" Torres  
Commissioner Eric Ceja
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF STAFF**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. STATEMENT FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

There have been no directives issued temporarily halting local government processing of land use and development review applications and/or consideration of policy actions including but not limited to General Plan amendments, Zoning Code amendments and new or amended Specific Plans. Therefore, the City of Indio continues to accept and process applications in accordance with state and local requirements.

The City of Indio is following Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 pertaining to the Brown Act. These Executive Orders allow governmental entities to conduct meetings by electronic means and for members of the public to observe the meeting electronically as well provide public comment or public testimony telephonically or otherwise electronically. Accordingly, the City Council and Planning Commission are currently conducting scheduled meetings in a virtual meeting format. The City of Indio has implemented technology solutions that allow members of the public to observe and offer public comment as well as public testimony during public hearings at scheduled Planning Commission meetings. The City is committed to providing public participation opportunities while also complying with requirements for the processing of land use and development review applications and/or consideration of policy actions.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** *[This is the time set aside for public comment. If you wish to speak on an item not on the agenda, please submit your request via email to [ebeltran@indio.org](mailto:ebeltran@indio.org). Please identify in your email's subject line "Request to Speak for non-agenda item". Alternatively, you may email your name and contact number, to the email listed above if you wish to provide oral testimony; staff will provide call-in instructions, when the request to speak is received. You must submit a request to speak to provide oral testimony.]*

6. **MINUTES:**

- 6.1 [Minutes of July 22, 2020](#) – Recommendation: Approve

7. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

- 7.1 [Ventana Project – General Plan Amendment 20-05- 120 \(GPA 20-05-120\), Specific Plan 20-05-39 \(SP 20-05-39\), Tentative Tract Map No. 37884 \(TTM 20-05-479\), Environmental Assessment 20-05-547 \(EA 20-05-547\), and Design Review 20-05-473 \(DR 20-05-473\)](#): The Applicant, Mario Gonzales, is proposing a General Plan Amendment (GPA) concurrent with the Ventana Specific Plan that would change the site's General Plan designation to "Suburban Neighborhood," which allows a residential density of up to eight (8) dwelling units per acre. *(Leila Namvar, Senior Planner)*

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Planning Commission continue the regular Planning Commission meeting of September 9, 2020, to provide additional time to analyze the project's entitlements in relation to their compliance with the City's General Plan 2040 goals and policies.

8. **ACTION ITEMS:** None

9. **STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

- 9.1 [Pegasus Riding Academy – Project Consultation](#): Pegasus Riding Academy is looking into a zone text amendment to allow a riding facility within Country Estates Indio Ranchos – 2 in order to utilize the property for a riding facility (the proposed use). *(Leila Namvar, Senior Planner)*

**9.2 Tower Market – Project Consultation:** A change of zone request from Commercial Office (CO) to Community Commercial (CC) to allow a gas station with a convenience store. *(Leila Namvar, Senior Planner)*

**10. STAFF ITEMS** *[Staff to provide informational reports and updates on status or issues for prior considered projects, policy development efforts, and other matters of interest to the Commission. These reports are not intended for discussion, but Commission members may ask questions on one or more reported items.]*

**11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next Planning Commission Meeting:**

Virtual Meeting of September 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

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**EVELYN BELTRAN, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**