

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Highland was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Hamerly at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

Present:	Chair	Randall Hamerly
	Vice Chair	Chandra Thomas
	Commissioner	Jarrold Miller
	Commissioner	Nicole McCance
	Commissioner	Vacant

Staff Present: Lawrence Mainez, Community Development Director
Kim Stater, Assistant Community Development Director
Gary Chambers, Code Compliance Officer
Camille Duarte, Administrative Assistant III

Chair Hamerly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNITY INPUT (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Vice Chair Thomas to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. A Public Hearing to declare the existence of a Public Nuisance in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 8.32, of the Highland Municipal Code, and authorize the abatement thereof, at the Property generally located at 25646 Base Line St., San Bernardino, CA 92410 Tax Assessor's Parcel Number 0273-261-06.(Property Owner: World Redemption Church)

Code Enforcement Officer Chambers presented the staff report.

Commissioner McCance asked have we received any response from the property owner on the citations?

Code Enforcement Officer Chambers stated communication with the property owner has been going from the very beginning, however he has not responded to this citation.

Chair Hamerly asked is this 90 day period for a complete removal of all the debris structure?

Code Enforcement Officer Chambers stated that is correct.

Chair Hamerly opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker Don Collier asked for a copy of the staff report.

Chair Hamerly closed the public hearing.

A MOTION was made by Vice Chair Thomas and seconded by Commissioner McCance to adopt Appeals Board Resolution No 2024 -003, declaring the existence of a public nuisance on the Property generally located at 25646 Base Line St., San Bernardino, CA 92410 and order the abatement thereof. Motion carried, 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 -003

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION/APPEALS BOARD OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT A PUBLIC NUISANCE EXISTS ON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS APN: 0273-261-06, LOCATED At 25646 BASE LINE ST., SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92410, AND ORDERING THE OWNER(S) OF THE PROPERTY TO ABATE THE NUISANCE CONTAINED THEREON.(CODE CASE #10408)

3. A Public Hearing to declare the existence of a Public Nuisance in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 8.32, of the Highland Municipal Code, and authorize the abatement thereof, at the Property located at 26811 5th St., Highland, CA 92346 Tax Assessor's Parcel Number 1192-561-04. (Property Owner: Patriot 5th & Central LLC)

Code Enforcement Officer Chambers presented the staff report.

Commissioner McCance asked have we received any response from the property owner?

Code Enforcement Officer Chambers stated we have reached out to the property owner; however, he has not responded. We did receive a return receipt through mail verifying he received the notice for the public hearing.

Chair Hamerly asked is this the warehouse developer?

Code Enforcement Officer Chambers stated yes.

Chair Hamerly stated I am wondering why it is allowed to go to this state if the property owner wanted the debris to be cleared anyway.

Assistant Community Development Director Stater stated we do not know why he has not responded. He controls six different sites; he did make a lot of improvements on one of his sites and demoing those properties to the north side. We have requested for the properties that are not occupied that have residential structures be demolished.

Chair Hamerly asked did the Fire Department speculate what the cause of the fires were?

Code Enforcement Officer Chambers stated yes, it was a homeless person that was taken into custody by the Police Department.

Vice Chair Thomas asked is there anything the city can do for this property owner? He brings projects to the Planning Commission and wondered if there any additional enforcement to ensure they are being good partners with the city.

Assistant Community Development Director Stater stated are you asking if there is something we can help the property owner keep the property free of vagrancy?

Vice Chair Thomas stated I did not mean for the city to be a good partner; I think the city staff is doing an amazing job. As far as the developer who is coming in and developing, however, is not managing his current resources properly. I think whatever enforcement that can be done to continue to manage it, so it does not turn into another fire.

Chair Hamerly stated the city will abate if these thresholds are not met.

Community Development Director Mainez stated this is a result that the property owner is not responsive to the city. Both Police and Fire Department have aggressively begged the city to do something. The calls for service are significant. If the property owner does not perform in 90 days than we will take the property owner to court. They have been cited for this project and staff time is being charged. We will place a lien on the property.

Commissioner Miller stated I find it bothersome that he is doing business in the city and not taking care of business on other projects.

Vice Chair Thomas stated the property owner was inconsiderate of neighbors when he came to Planning Commission a few years ago.

Commissioner Miller stated I agree, he was not respectful.

Vice Chair Thomas stated I just wish he would be a better partner to the city especially when he has multiple projects within the city.

Chair Hamerly asked does the city have any authority for public safety if the building is abandoned to shut off utility services?

Community Development Director Mainez stated we can red tag the building and we claim it is a health issue we can pull all utilities. The property owner is aware of this issue, and he is fine with that. it is not a priority to him right now.

Chair Hamerly opened the public hearing.

Chair Hamerly closed the public hearing.

Commissioner McCance asked if there is a day care by the property?

Code Enforcement Officer Chambers stated that is correct.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner McCance to adopt Appeals Board Resolution No 2025 -004, declaring the existence of a public nuisance on the Property generally located at 26811 5th St., Highland, CA 92346 and order the abatement thereof. Motion carried, 4-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 004

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION/APPEALS BOARD OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THAT A PUBLIC NUISANCE EXISTS ON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS APN: 1192-561-04, LOCATED At 26811 5TH ST., HIGHLAND, CA 92346, AND ORDERING THE OWNER(S) OF THE PROPERTY TO ABATE THE NUISANCE CONTAINED THEREON. (CODE CASE #10715)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Planning Commission Regular Meeting is scheduled April 1, 2025.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Hamerly declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Camille Duarte, Administrative Assistant III

Randall Hamerly, Chair

