

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING BRIEF

Tuesday, October 30th, 2018

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Commission Members Present: Marty Bailey, Priscilla Smith, Brett Nelson, Ron Cholin

Commission Members Not Present: Corey Engstrom, Erika Montgomery, Bob Orlando

Staff Present: Joshua Smith (Planning Director), Casey Kaiser (Associate Planner)

Provided Testimony: John Aniello, Ann Beier, Ryan Cross

Regular Meeting (6:30)

CALL TO ORDER: The Planning Commission Chair called the Commission to order.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Cu-2018-105 Pacific Power Transmission Line

Staff: The Planning Director gave a presentation of the proposed transmission line including reasons for the line, location, size, alternative routes and potential impacts to the City.

Applicant: The applicant provided a detailed explanation of the reason for the transmission lines as well as the how and why they are constructed the way they are. He also explained the reasons for not undergrounding the line, the effects of electromagnetic fields (EMF), seismic issues and FAA requirements. He also recommended galvanized poles to help mask the visual impact above the rim.

Agency Comments: Ann Beier, the Crook County Community Development Director expressed support for the project and briefly shared the County's involvement in the process. She also submitted a letter from the County that is included in the record.

Public Comments: One member of the public that owns property within the noticed area stated that he attended the meeting to ensure that the proposed line was not going across their property. In the hearing it was confirmed that it would not cross his property.

Planning Commission: The Commission asked several questions of staff and the applicant during the presentation. They asked about burying the lines, the need, health impacts, design and whether others could connect to the system. After all questions were answered the Commission closed the hearing. During deliberations the Planning Commission acknowledged that there will be visual impact, and while it is not ideal they understood the need and the reasons for the location. They also discussed adding a condition to address the color of the poles. The Commission recommended galvanized (grey) poles that would better mask the visual impact from the valley floor however, they also wanted the applicant to use discretion in other areas if a darker pole was more appropriate. The Commission directed staff to draft a condition to be reviewed prior to the Commission Chair signing the decision.

Decision: Priscilla Smith made a motion to approve the application with the added condition. Ron Cholin seconded the motion and the motion passed with 4 in favor and none opposed.

Consent Agenda:

A. None

Planning Commission Matters:

A. The Commission commented that the Grocery Outlet had upgraded there ADA parking spaces and inquired about improving the crosswalks on NE 3rd St.

Director's Report: The Planning Director briefly updated the Commission on community projects.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 P.M.
