



# Work Session Minutes

Planning Commission and City Council

July 26, 2021

PC MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kathryn Quam, Commissioners Brendan Kennealy, Susan Rosenberg, James Rudolph, Bryan Pynn, and Brett Stursa

PC MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Maria Regan Gonzalez; Mary Supple; Sean Hayford Oleary; and Simon Trautmann

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Ben Whalen

STAFF PRESENT: Melissa Poehlman, Assistant Community Development Director; Nellie Jerome, Assistant Planner; and Jay Henthorne, Chief of Police

OTHERS PRESENT: none.

Chairperson Quam called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

## **ITEM #1 - Review and discuss potential changes to zoning regulations for firearm sales, repair, and other related uses.**

Assistant Community Director Melissa Poehlman presented the work session discussion topic, and asked Council Members and Commissioners to think about reviewing the policy aspects and reviewing the current zoning rules.

Council Member Mary Supple asked for clarification on changing the current rules and the impact on existing gun shops that may become nonconforming. Assistant Director Poehlman noted that nonconforming uses would be able to continue operating in perpetuity, but they would need to meet requirements of the nonconformity rules of the Zoning Code.

Mayor Maria Regan Gonzalez read a statement from Council Member Ben Whalen, who stated that he supporting expanding limits on gun sales, including online sales, in the interest of limiting gun violence. Mayor Regan Gonzalez stated that she felt similarly.

Assistant Director Poehlman asked Council Members and Commissioners to think about limiting gun sales to areas residentially zoned, residentially used, or both, and if the distance restrictions were appropriate. Planning Commission Chair Kathryn Quam, Commissioner James Rudolph, and Council Members Simon Trautmann and Supple advocated for including all residential uses, including Mixed-Use Neighborhood districts, over just areas that are residentially-zoned. Council Member Supple noted that the City should have similar rules to our neighbor cities. Commissioner Brett Stursa noted that parks should be included in the list of separated uses.


Assistant Director Poehlman brought up the distance of the buffer areas, with two example options: the current buffer of 100 feet, and the 250-foot buffer that nearby cities have. Assistant

isn't possible) are included in the regulation. Staff will also look at possible regulations for shops with any inventory on site, and if they are online-only or in-person. Staff will come back to firing range regulations in the future as well.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez asked that the new buffer maps be presented along with policy enforcement outlines at any future meeting or work session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at **7:00 p.m.**



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Planning Commission Secretary