



CITY OF HERCULES

Meeting Minutes

Planning Commission

*Chair Hector Rubio
Vice Chair Carol Most-Walker
Commissioner Ken Morrison
Commissioner Sylvia Jimenez
Commissioner Dennis Esselsagoe*

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting ID: 848 6940 5656

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Zoom Phone Number: 1-669-900-6833

The full video is available and can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Chair Hector Rubio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present 5 - Chair Hector Rubio, Vice Chair Carol Most-Walker, Commissioner Ken Morrison, Commissioner Sylvia Jimenez, Commissioner Dennis Esselsagoe

Absent 0

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted by Commissioner Most-Walker.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [26-008](#) Approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2025

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Most-Walker to accept the Consent Calendar as written.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Morrison, Commissioner Most-Walker, Chair Rubio, Commissioner Jimenez

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Esselsagoe
Approved: 4-0-0-1

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VI. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

1. [26-009](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning Commission:

1. Nominate one or more candidates to serve as Chair for a term of one year;
2. Nominate one or more candidates to serve as Vice Chair for a term of one year;
3. Take public comment;
4. Elect a Chair; and
5. Elect a Vice Chair (both may be done in one motion by minute action).

Chair Rubio introduced the item and called for nominations.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Commissioner Jimenez to approve Chair Rubio to serve as Chair for a term of one (1) year and Commissioner Most-Walker as Vice Chair for a term of one (1) year.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Morrison, Commissioner Jimenez, Chair Rubio, Commissioner Most-Walker, Commissioner Esselsagoe

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Approved: 5-0-0

2. [26-010](#) General Plan Advisory Committee representative

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Planning Commission:

1. Request Planning staff present the staff report;
2. Open the public hearing;
3. Receive comments from the public;
4. Close the public hearing;
5. Request clarification from staff on any issues related to the item;
6. By minute order, select one (1) Planning Commissioner to serve as the Commission’s representative on the General Plan Advisory Committee.

Chair Rubio introduced the item and asked for the staff report.

Director Rood presented the staff report and responded to Commissioner questions.

Chair Rubio opened the public hearing and received no public comments.

Chair Rubio closed the public hearing and returned the item for Commission questions and staff and Commission discussion.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Commissioner Most-Walker to appoint Commissioner Jimenez to serve as the Commission’s representative on the General Plan Advisory Committee and Commissioner Esselsagoe as the alternate representative.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Morrison, Commissioner Most-Walker, Chair Rubio, Commissioner Jimenez, Commissioner Esselsagoe

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Approved: 5-0-0

VII. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Morrison discussed current construction projects in Hercules.

Commissioner Most-Walker expressed appreciation of City staff and the tree replacement project in the Victoria by the Bay development.

Commissioner Esselsagoe introduced himself and provided an overview of his background.

Chair Rubio welcomed Commissioner Esselsagoe to the Planning Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission is Monday, February 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Hercules City Hall, 111 Civic Drive, Hercules, CA.

Chair Rubio adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Hector Rubio, Chair

Attest:

Timothy Rood, Community Development Director