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LOCAL

Summary of June Meeting with the City of Clovis

Financing and Scheduling for Sewer Improvements to Serve Heritage Grove – Mike Harrison reviewed the discussion by the City Council during a workshop Monday. Mike stated that the Council approved the staff recommendation to establish priorities for the use of the Sewer Major Facilities Fee as follows: the first priority is repayment of the bonds; the second priority is for projects to provide interim capacity; the third priority is reimbursement to builders; and the last priority is repayment of users for advances for bond payments. Luke Serpa commented that during public comment a request was made to review the possibility of utilizing satellite treatment plants to serve Heritage Grove and the Northeast Area, which Luke indicated that staff would do. Mike Harrison stated that during the presentation it was noted that a surcharge was being considered to pay for interim improvements to access available sewer capacity for Heritage Grove.

Residential Site Plan Review Process – Dave Merchen reviewed the changes being discussed and stated that he would have a draft of the new process out in the next few days.

Proposed Revisions to Street Closure Policy – Travis Stearns indicated that the reasons for the change in the closure policy were to locate underground power, gas, and fiber infrastructure. Mike Prandini stated that at the last meeting it was agreed by staff to revise the language to target what situations would require additional potholing. Staff stated that they would review the language and resubmit for comments.

Litigation Regarding Affordable Housing – Luke Serpa informed the Committee members that an appeal would be filed as soon as the Judge's final order was submitted.

Changes to Development Standards for Small Lot Single Family Residential – Dave Merchen reported that the standards submitted to the City Council in March would be considered again by the Council on June 21. Dave stated that work had begun on the standards for high density single family residential.

40% Requirement for Installation of Landscaping – Renee Mathis informed the group that the elimination of the requirement for 40% of landscaping to be installed before any additional permits could be issued was scheduled to be considered on June 21 at the same time as the small lot standards. Renee indicated that, although in the same report, this matter could be considered separately if for some reason the standards were not approved.



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Update of Planning Fees – Renee Mathis stated that update to the fees was almost complete and a report was expected to be released for review by June 18.

VMT Analysis – Sean Smith indicated that work was continuing on the analysis, but that no timeline for completion had been created. Matt Smith inquired whether any subdivision with more than 50 lots had been submitted since July 1, to which Dave responded that none had been submitted. Matt also inquired whether improvements to the transit system had been considered. Luke Serpa indicated that to qualify the system would have to run at 15- minute intervals, which would be very costly to operate. Renee Mathis stated that for the next Clovis Committee meeting staff would prepare a brief report on the process for completion.

COVID-19 – Renee Mathis indicated that as of June 15 the tiered system was eliminated but other requirements remained. Renee stated that additional changes may be made after Cal-OSHA meets on Thursday to adopt additional changes. Renee stated that they were working on the assumption that the July meeting of the Committee would be in-person and that they were expecting to accommodate those who wanted to participate via video conferencing.

Financing of Heritage Grove with CFD – Darius Assemi inquired if financing the sewer improvements using the Community Facilities District process had been discussed. Mike Prandini indicated that early in the process for approval of the Heritage Grove area the idea of utilizing the CFD process to finance improvements had been discussed but nothing further was done. Mike Harrison stated that the staff was agreeable to studying whether the CFD would be achievable.



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California Bill to Build Housing on Commercial Sites Moves Forward

California News Times

California lawmakers are considering turning abandoned retail stores and shopping malls into new homes in a creative effort to resolve the state's expansion.

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Encinitas City Council repeals housing density ordinance

The Coast News Group

The Encinitas City Council, following recommendations from the city's Planning Commission, has voted to repeal a city ordinance that the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has said was in violation of state law.

The ordinance, dealing with housing density in the city, was said to introduce burdensome requirements to developers and is not consistent with state law by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Urban housing projects need to be unfettered

CalMatters

With California staring down the barrel of a deficit of 3.5 million homes, the scale of the problem has overshadowed the potential of smaller housing developments to provide a solution. A new legislative push in Sacramento – via Senate Bill 10 – recognizes this potential and seeks to make it easier and quicker for local governments to take advantage of it. It deserves lawmakers' support.

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California homes cost more than ever. What are Gov. Newsom and lawmakers doing about it?

The Sacramento Bee

Little relief from the Capitol is on the way.

The Legislature hasn't passed a significant housing production package since 2017. Ideas to reform zoning regulations to allow for more multi-family buildings and duplexes failed in 2019 and 2020. This year, similar proposals face opposition from local governments and neighborhood associations with allies in the Capitol.

Dan Dunmoyer, president and CEO of the California Building Industry Association, said some lower-profile laws are making incremental change. He pointed to legislation like a 2019 law that makes it harder for cities to restrict new development.

It's scheduled to sunset in 2025, but Sen. Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, introduced a new measure this year to extend that deadline until 2030.

Dunmoyer said more leadership is needed from Newsom and legislators to reduce other barriers, like development fees and regulations that make construction an expensively long process.

"We need to really look at this holistically, comprehensively," Dunmoyer said. "We really need to make sure that we take all the necessary steps to address the housing crisis."

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What workforce challenges are ahead for key construction industry segments?

International Code Council Building Safety Journal

As the construction industry moves to slowly recover from the pandemic-related disruptions experienced last year, the lingering effects of these setbacks will continue to unsettle the industry's workforce for much of 2021. Many of the large-scale infrastructure and industrial projects delayed in 2020 will gradually get back online, and construction firms forced to downsize during the downturn will look to re-staff teams in order to adequately complete projects and make up for lost time.

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Marin County is waging a guerrilla war against housing — and water is one of its weapons

The Tribune

Seven years ago, the county's legislators carried legislation giving Marin a partial exemption from state housing quotas and last year a five-year extension of Marin's special treatment was buried in a state budget "trailer bill" signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, a Marin County resident before becoming governor.

Nevertheless, Marin is feeling the pressure to end its quasi-moratorium on housing, and may be returning to an old tactic in response — water supply.

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DAN WALTERS: Why it's not easy to build affordable housing in California

The Bakersfield Californian

When the Legislature reconvened in January, a group of legislators, led by Assemblyman Tim Grayson, a Concord Democrat, introduced legislation that would bring some order to the state's jumble of housing agencies. It would require them to "jointly establish and operate a single, centralized housing funding allocation committee," thereby giving developers of low- and moderate-income housing a one-stop shop and speeding up construction.

[Assembly Bill 1135](#), however, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee last week. There was no public explanation for the stall, but it was obvious to those involved that it was because Grayson had rebuffed demands from construction unions that all projects affected by its provisions be required to use union labor.

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As Disasters Worsen, California Looks at Curbing Construction in Risky Areas

The New York Times

At the start of wildfire season, California's insurance regulator has backed sweeping changes to discourage home building in fire-prone areas, including looking at cutting off new construction in those regions from what is often their only source of insurance — the state's high-risk pool.

The building industry quickly pushed back against the recommendations. **Dan Dunmoyer, president of the California Building Industry Association**, said it wasn't necessary to limit development because building standards are already strong enough to protect homes in high-risk areas.

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Senate Bill 12 would kill housing construction

OC Register Opinion | featuring Lucy Dunn, Jeff Montejano & Tracy Hernandez

California business organizations joined with the Building Industry Association of Southern California, Orange County Business Council, and BizFed LA in supporting that declaration and call to action.

In part, SB 12 would prohibit cities and counties from approving new housing developments unless they are determined to be adequately protected from wildfires under a myriad of new regulations set forth by various state agencies. While the goal of protecting residents and their homes from wildfires is certainly good, the approach laid out in SB 12 is fraught with problems.

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California's pro-housing forces score big win

CalMatters

California's housing crisis is a multi-front guerrilla war, pitting those who want to lower legal and political barriers to construction against those who see new developments as threats to the environment and/or the ambience of their neighborhoods.

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