



# 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**

**Zoom Passcode: 126524**

**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 Commissioner’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