Town of Bayside Workshop Minutes August 21, 2025

1. Call to Order

Mayor Scott called the workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Town Council members Mayor Sharon Scott and Councilmember Place II Charmaine Briseno, Councilmember Place III Sandra Haley, Councilmember Place IV Daniel Molina, and Councilmember Place V Steven Nix were present. Mayor Pro Tem David Vega was absent. Planning, Zoning & Substandard Commission members present were Chairperson Lori Bellows, Co-chairperson Jeff Bernsen and Barbara Gray. Members Troy Campbel, Barbara DeLuna and Ken Dahl were absent.

3. Discuss shipping containers and shipping container permit

The Town Council and Planning Commission members present discussed the amendment from October 2020 allowing shipping containers on Commercial and Industrial property, the amendments already in place are from different times, an amendment pertaining to the same thing needs to be all in one amendment. Leroy Favela questioned. Where did the idea come from to repeal shipping containers on commercial property? Councilmember Briseno replied. It came from the Planning Commission. Discussion continued on the original ordinance not allowing shipping containers in any area, Leroy Favela's commercial property with shipping containers, the trend in the popularity of shipping containers, repealing allowing shipping containers, the proposed amendment allowing shipping containers for emergencies and allowing habitation of them in emergencies, needing guidelines if shipping containers are allowed, and water quality. Planning Commission (PC) Member Bernson informed Council. The Council has our recommendations. Y'all do whatever you want to do. Also discussed was the temporary use permit and some of the requirements on it. Mayor Scott informed everyone that you do not want to store your stuff in a shipping container after a hurricane. She asked. Who would want to live in one after a storm? PC Member Bernson responded. I think it says you can't. Mayor Scott responded. No, it says it can be used as shelter. PC Chairperson Bellows added. I didn't write it. I'm not for it. Discussion continued on who and how would it be enforced, where would the money come from to remove them, and Leroy Favela's shipping containers that are there now are for storage. The Favela's informed everyone they have six phases on construction planned.

4. Discuss city easements

Councilmember Briseno asked the Planning Commission. Why are we doing this? This lead to a discussion on brush on the easements, parking in the easements, the policy of pushing brush back up on property if it is put out and not near a brush pickup date, making people mad when they are mowing the easements, cars that don't run, and having an ordinance in place to handle them. Councilmember Briseno input. We don't really have an issue with it. PC

Chairperson Bellows responded. It was presented to us as a problem. There was a short discussion on not pursuing this amendment.

5. Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Cramer

City Secretary