



City of Montrose Planning Commission

July 8, 2026

The Montrose City Planning Commission held a meeting on July 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Buckhorn Conference Room. The meeting agenda was posted in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Act (C.R.S. §24-6-401, et.seq.).

Planning Commissioners Present: David Fishing (Chair), Chad Huffman (Vice-Chair), Delphine Jadot, Richard Rogers, Phoebe Benziger, Steve Ball and Ronald L. Cairns. Absent: None

Staff Members Present: William Reis (Senior Planner), Chris Dowsey (City Attorney), Jace Hochwalt (Community Development Director), Briceida Ortega (Senior Deputy City Clerk), Kathi Kinkel (Deputy City Clerk).

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairperson David Fishing called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Richard Rogers moved to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2026 meeting as submitted. Ronald Cairns seconded, and the motion carried.

Additions or Deletions

None.

Planning Commission Workshop

City Attorney Chris Dowsey gave a presentation on defensible decision, ethics and liabilities.

The Commission discussed the topic of defensible decisions.

Jace Hochwalt mentioned they will be working on a land use map similar to the growth area map.

Jace Hochwalt gave a presentation on practical tips and reviewed bylaws. He mentioned that the following would be added under attendance policy, "Three consecutive unexcused absences will result in declaring the position vacant".

The Commission decided that it should be changed to, "Two consecutive unexcused absences will result in declaring the position vacant."

Jace Hochwalt will give each commissioner an American Planning Association membership.

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting

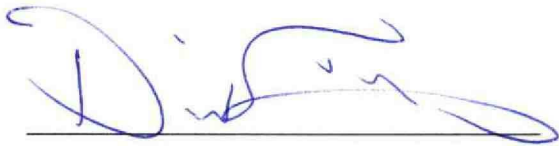
The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2026.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Chad Huffman moved to adjourn the meeting. Delphine Jadot seconded and the meeting ended at 7:02 p.m.



Chairperson



Attest