



URBAN PLANNING

Ordino suspends construction in the parish for 7 months

The Municipalities approves the moratorium to modify the POUP, with the abstention of Movem Ordino

Pàmies describes it as «electoralism» to approve the measure before the municipal elections

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The municipality of Ordino approved the temporary suspension of subdivision and urbanization licenses, in order to modify the Parish Planning and Urbanism Plan (POUP), with the only abstention of Movem Ordino. This modification involves the halting of construction projects in the parish of Ordino for, at the moment, seven months. The maximum duration allowed by law for this type of measure is one year. The reasons that have driven this extraordinary initiative are based on the protection of the Ordino Biosphere Reserve in which the entire territory is to be converted, and the disproportionate increase in buildings in the Ordino parish, in addition to the need to carry out load studies to find out the capacity that Ordino has to continue growing urbanistically.

Bàrbara Pàmies, municipal councillor of Movem Ordino, was the only abstention in the vote, claim-

Movem Ordino and X'Ordino agree with the content of the measure, but not with the form

ing that, despite being in agreement with the measure and recognizing the existing need to suspend the licenses and modify the POUP to be able to control the vertiginous growth of buildings in Ordino, Pàmies criticized that it is an «electoralist» measure on the part of the majority and the Major Consul, Josep Àngel Mortés, due to the proximity to the next parish elections in which it takes place this measure. Pàmies alleges that the modification of the POUP would leave a possible post-electoral municipality with its «hands tied», and it should be the one who takes responsibility for carrying out the modification once the votes have been cast in the ballot boxes. The councillor declared that imposing these measures, despite being neces-



► The Major Consul, Mortés, and Councillor Pàmies, in the Municipality of Ordino.

sary, is «precipitous. We did not vote against it, we abstained in order to raise our hand and be able to give an account, that this should have the power to modify it (the next municipality) with the citizens of the parish, placing their trust in the next elections», declared councillor Pàmies.

Councillor Dolsa was unable to attend Municipal Council as he is out of the country. In statements to EL PERIÒDIC, the councillor of X'Ordino expressed that «if you had been there, you would have abstained from me», explaining that «although this had to be done, I agree with the substance but not with the form». Dolsa recalled the approval of the last modification of the POUP in 2019, which led the parish to the disproportionate urban growth in

which Ordino is currently immersed. The councillor assures that he already warned that «what they were doing would lead to a construction debauchery in the parish», reaching the current scenario, where the Municipality has had to approve these measures. According to Dolsa, «they were forced to do it

when they saw that they had destroyed the parish», referring to the majority of the Municipal Council. The councillor asked for calm in the face of this type of measures, in order not to further complicate the situation before the configuration of the new municipality once the municipal elections have been held,

declaring that «don't rush to do it before the month of December and the new council will do it.»

Pàmies accused Mortés of electoralism, and the consul defended himself by claiming that, if they were thinking about the parish elections, «six months before the elections is not the best time.»



BARBARA PÀMIES

COUNCILOR OF MOVEM ORDINO

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COUNCILOR OF X'ORDINO

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POLITICS

Toni Puig ready to take on more responsibilities in the liberal executive

The leader of the youth section of the party sees the difficult situation, but is available to the party.

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These are uncertain times in the national political landscape. For some more than others. Changes to the Liberals are more than imminent. In fact, the next few weeks will see movements in various political formations in the country.

The Liberals' case was obvious after the result of the elections on April 2nd.

This past Thursday, the blue formation called the media to announce that at the congress of the formation on the 22nd it will be the militancy who will decide the future composition of the executive.

Last week there were rumors that pointed to a possible departure from the party of Toni Puig, president of

Toni Puig could assume greater organic responsibilities within the new liberal executive



► Image of Toni Puig during an international assembly.

Joves Liberals and one of the oldest member today. In fact, a possible approach of the liberal to Concòrdia sounded strongly.

The Liberals' pre-electoral agreement with the DA has already been shown to have not worked and, even worse, it has harmed them considerably. As a result, the formation led by Josep Maria Cabanes now accuses Esport of breaching the pact.

And, although in the press conference held last Thursday, Cabanes did not want to talk about treason. Víctor Pintos did do it, explicitly, at the same time that he was disappointed by the attitude of Democrats, assuring that «we signed a document with the head of government where it was made clear that in Andorra la Vella and Ordino we would have number 3 of the territorial list and if these parishes were won, our numbers 3 would rise as general councilors». He added that «Ordino's colleagues have indeed felt betrayed by seeing how they have taken decisions at national level that have clearly benefited DA and their

response has been to break the established pact».

Now, with the announcement made by the party in which all the positions of the current executive are at the disposal of the party, until the next congress, other possibilities and opportunities are open to Toni Puig, what it is like to remain within the liberal discipline. And it seems that Puig would sound like a name to be an important and prominent part of the new Liberal executive. In this way, the leader of the young section of the Liberals could apply to assume greater organic responsibilities in the party and be one of the people who ended up taking the reins of the party.

The president of Joves Liberals, in statements to EL PERIÒDIC, highlighted his work done and feels ready to face the challenge of entering the party's executive if it is deemed appropriate. «If the party wants me to be there, I will be there. I am available to the party.» Although he still doesn't know what his fit might be, «I hadn't thought about it before,



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Asked if they had contacted him, he emphasized that «they are looking for people who want to take the project forward, they have spoken to me and I have shown my intention to continue, but I have not received any formal request».

Although the membership will have the last word to decide what changes are made to the executive of the political formation, Puig could be a prominent piece in the spare part for the party. The liberal believes that «the work from now on will be hard, but if a good team is created, I am ready to join the executive. But joining the party or not, I will continue to be there». With these statements in EL PERIÒDIC, it would seem to infer that his supposed approach to Concòrdia would be just one of the many rumors that are running about all the political formations these days and filling chapels and coffee gatherings in the country. ≡

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