

CITY OF MENDOTA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Luna at 6:30 PM.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chairperson Juan Luna, Vice-Chairperson Carlos Quintanar, Commissioners Albert Escobedo, Martin Gamez, and Joshua Garcia (at 6:32 p.m.).

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff O'Neal, City Planner; Matt Flood, Economic Development Manager; and Celeste Cabrera, Deputy City Clerk.

Flag Salute led by Chairperson Luna.

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

1. Adoption of final Agenda.

A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Quintanar to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Escobedo; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Garcia).

At 6:32 p.m. Commissioner Garcia entered the Council Chambers.

MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 2016.

A motion to approve item 1 was made by Vice-Chairperson Quintanar, seconded by Commissioner Garcia; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

2. Notice of waiving the reading of all resolutions introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

A motion to approve item 2 was made by Commissioner Escobedo, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Quintanar; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing to adopt Resolution No. PC 16-01, forwarding a recommendation to the City Council regarding the City of Mendota 2015-2023 Housing Element and associated negative declaration.

Chairperson Luna introduced the item and City Planner O'Neal summarized the report including that the Housing Element is a component of the General Plan; the Housing Element needs to be updated every 8 years; the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) reviewed the Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element (MJHE); the City participating in the 5th cycle with the County of Fresno and numerous other jurisdictions; the various components of the MJHE; consequences that the City will face if the MJHE is not adopted in a timely manner; various policies and programs that are included in the MJHE that the City has to implement in order to ensure that the City is facilitating and endorsing housing developments with the City; various specifications that are included in the MJHE; and having the Planning Commission hold the public hearing and forward a recommendation to the City Council.

At 6:40 p.m. Chairperson Luna opened the hearing to the public.

Chelsey Payne (Mintier Harnish) – reported that she worked on the MJHE; the Housing Element needs to be updated every 8 years; the timeline of updating the Housing Element; consequences that the City will face if the Housing Element is not updated in a timely manner; the numerous jurisdictions that are participating in the MJHE; the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA); the City meeting RHNA requirements; the HCD review process ; various revisions that were made to the MJHE; the different programs that the HCD requested to be implemented; and the timeline of the adoption of the HCD.

Discussion was held on an MOU between the County of Fresno and the City to annex land.

At 6:54 p.m. Chairperson Luna closed the hearing to the public.

A motion was made to adopt Resolution No. PC 16-01 by Vice-Chairperson Quintanar, seconded by Commissioner Gamez; unanimously approved (5 ayes).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

None offered

PLANNING DIRECTOR UPDATE

Discussion was held on the status of the construction of McDonalds and Autozone.

Economic Development Manager Flood reported on the status of the construction of McDonalds and Autozone; staff working on completing the development of the Young property; and the possibility of converting City Hall into a police department in the future.

City Planner O’Neal reported on working on the MJHE and working with the developer of the Las Palmas subdivision to construct additional roads.

Discussion was held on the status of the Catholic Church.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS

Vice-Chairperson Quintanar inquired as to how a resident can go about requesting that a speed bump is installed in a neighborhood.

Commissioner Gamez inquired as to the possibility of installing flashing stop signs and crosswalks on the east side of the City.

Discussion was held on the possibility of acquiring grant funding to install lighted stop signs and cross walks.

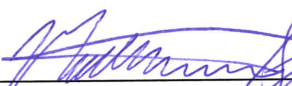
ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 7:08 p.m. with no more business to be brought before the Planning Commission, a motion for adjournment was made by Vice-Chairperson Quintanar, seconded by Commissioner Escobedo; unanimously approved (5 ayes).



Juan Luna, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Matt Flood, City Clerk

