

## CITY OF MENDOTA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

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**Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairperson Quintanar at 6:30 PM.**

### **Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:** Vice-Chairperson Carlos Quintanar, Commissioners Albert Escobedo, Joshua Garcia, and Martin Gamez (at 6:36 p.m.).

**Commissioners Absent:** Chairperson Juan Luna.

**Staff Present:** Matt Flood, Planning & Economic Development Manager and Celeste Cabrera, Deputy City Clerk.

**Flag Salute led by Vice-Chairperson Quintanar.**

### **FINALIZE THE AGENDA**

1. Adoption of final Agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Escobedo to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Garcia; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Gamez and Luna).

### **MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING**

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings of March 10, 2015 and April 7, 2015.

A motion to approve item 1 was made by Commissioner Escobedo, seconded by Commissioner Garcia; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Gamez and Luna).

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 Commissioner Garcia; unanimously approved (3 ayes, absent: Gamez and Luna).

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Public Hearing to consider forwarding a recommendation to the Mendota City Council related to off-site temporary signs.

Vice-Chairperson Quintanar introduced the item and Planning & Economic Development Manager Flood summarized the report including a summary of past City Council and Planning Commission discussions regarding the item; City Council decision to direct staff to draft an Ordinance that allows temporary off-site signs for specific uses; the context of the Ordinance in which section 1 provides a description of an off-site temporary sign and the section 2 creates the process and regulations for permitting an off-site temporary sign (at 6:36 p.m. Commissioner Gamez entered the Council Chambers); and the concerns of allowing off-site signs such as the poor aesthetic that could be created due to poor quality signs and sign deterioration.

Discussion was held on the enforcement of sign regulation and the description of an off-site sign as provided in Section 1 of the ordinance.

At 6:39 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Quintanar opened the hearing to the public and, seeing no one present wishing to comment, closed it within the same minute.

A motion was made by Commissioner Escobedo to forward the Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council to not adopt the Ordinance related to off-site temporary signs, seconded by Commissioner Garcia; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Luna).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None offered

## **PLANNING DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Planning & Economic Development Manager Flood reported on the City's joint effort with the Fresno Council of Governments to update the Housing Element; clarification on the purpose of the Housing Element; the City Council recently establishing the Economic Incentive Zone (EIZ); and the possibility of the Planning Commission creating a scholarship through the Mendota Community Non- Profit organization.

Discussion was held on the purpose of the EIZ; the benefits of establishing the EIZ; the incentives included within the EIZ; the possible ways to fundraise and solicit donations for the Planning Commission scholarship; and Commissioner Quintanar donating his future Planning Commission earnings to the scholarship fund.

## **PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

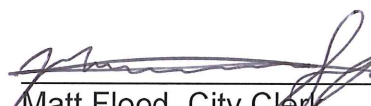
No reports.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At the hour of p.m. with no more business to be brought before the Planning Commission, a motion for adjournment was made by Vice-Chairperson Quintanar, Commissioner Escobedo; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Garcia).

  
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Juan Luna, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Matt Flood, City Clerk

