

CITY OF MENDOTA PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting

Monday, July 16, 2019

6:30 p.m.

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

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Vice-Chairperson Albert Escobedo, Commissioners Jose Alonso, Jose Gutierrez, Jonathan Leiva (at 6:04 p.m.), and Alternate Commissioner Kevin Romero (at 6:33 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Chairperson Juan Luna

Staff Present: Cristian Gonzalez, City Manager; and Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

Flag Salute led by Commissioner Romero

FINALIZE THE AGENDA

1. Adjustments to Agenda
2. Adoption of final Agenda

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

SWEARING IN

1. City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia to swear in Alternate Planning Commissioner Kevin Romero.

City Clerk Cabrera-Garcia swore in Alternate Commissioner Romero, and Mr. Romero took a seat on a dais due to the absence of a Commissioner.

MINUTES AND NOTICE OF WAIVING OF READING

1. Approval of the minutes of the special Planning Commission meeting of April 22, 2019.
2. Notice of waiving the reading of all resolutions introduced and/or adopted under this agenda.

A motion to approve items 1 and 2 was made by Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded Commissioner Romero; unanimously approved (4 ayes, absent: Leiva and Luna).

At 6:34 p.m. Commissioner Leiva entered the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Proposed adoption of **Resolution No. PC 19-02**, recommending approval of proposed zoning code amendments to permit commercial cannabis retail businesses in the C-3 District subject to a conditional use permit.

Vice-Chairperson Escobedo introduced the item and City Manager Gonzalez summarized the report.

Discussion was held on the amount of available properties that fall within the 500 foot buffer versus the 800 foot buffer; and the close proximity of residential areas to properties that fall within the buffer.

At 6:55 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Escobedo opened the hearing to the public.

Olga Baeza - commented on the allowance of commercial cannabis retail businesses within the City, and the location requirements for such businesses.

Ofelia Ochoa - commented on the allowance of commercial cannabis retail businesses within the City.

Aurora Rios - commented on the allowance of commercial cannabis retail businesses within the City, and the location requirements for such businesses.

Berta Alvaro - commented on the allowance of commercial cannabis retail businesses within the City, and the location requirements for such businesses.

Discussion was held on the various requirements for such businesses.

At 7:18 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Escobedo closed the hearing to the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leiva to adopt Resolution No. PC 19-02, with the recommendation that the City Council consider adopting modifications to the location

requirements, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Escobedo; unanimously approved (5 ayes, absent: Luna).

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA

Olga Baeza – inquired as to whether the Planning Commission has considered items for children with special needs.

Discussion was held on the aspects of the proposed Community Center; whether the center will include a swimming pool; and ensuring that all children feel included at the proposed center.

PLANNING DIRECTOR UPDATE

City Manager Gonzalez provided an update on the commercial lot at the La Colonia subdivision.

Discussion was held on various projects throughout the City.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Alonso thanked the members of the audience for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Leiva thanked the members of the audience for attending the meeting, and encouraged them to continue attending meetings.

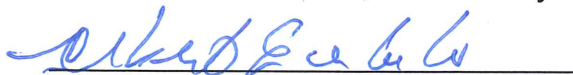
Commissioner Romero thanked the Planning Commission and the City Council for the opportunity to serve; and thanked the members of the audience for attending the meeting.

Commissioner Gutierrez summarized the role and purpose of the Planning Commission, encouraged the members of the audience for attending the meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Escobedo encouraged the members of the audience to continue attending meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

At the hour of 7:36 p.m. with no more business to be brought before the Planning Commission, a motion for adjournment was made by Commissioner Leiva, seconded by Commissioner Romero; unanimously approved (5 ayes, absent: Luna).


Albert Escobedo, Vice-Chairperson

ATTEST:

Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk