CITY OF MERCED Planning Commission

MINUTES

Merced City Council Chambers Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Chairperson COLBY called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Dwight Amey, Carole McCoy, Nathan Mackin,

Brandon Williams, Kimberly Madayag, and

Chairperson Travis Colby

Commissioners Absent: Peter Padilla (unexcused)

Staff Present: Planning Manager Espinosa, Acting City Engineer

Elwin, Chief Deputy City Attorney Fincher, and

Recording Secretary Lucas

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S AMEY-MADAYAG, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one absent), to approve the Agenda as submitted.

2. MINUTES

M/S MCCOY-MADAYAG, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one absent) to approve the Minutes of March 20, 2013, as submitted.

3. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>

None.

4. **ITEMS**

4.1 Zoning Ordinance Amendment #13-01/Environmental Review #13-06, initiated by the City of Merced, including amendments to various sections in Chapters 2.20, "Planning commission," 17.36, "Signs," and 17.54, "Historic Preservation," and Chapter 20.86, "Site Plan and Architectural Approval," of the Merced Municipal Code. This ordinance is intended to shift the duties previously assigned to the Design Review Commission/Historic Preservation Commission to the Planning Commission and City staff for projects within the downtown area and historic preservation projects. Other changes to the Municipal Code would re-title references within the sign code to the Merced Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Areas, which no longer exist, without changing the sign requirements themselves in any manner.

Planning Manager ESPINOSA reviewed the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment. For further information, refer to Staff Report #13-10.

There was no one present wishing to speak regarding the project: therefore, public testimony was opened and closed at 7:12 p.m.

Commissioner MACKIN felt a separate Historic Preservation Commission with expertise in that area should be maintained.

M/S MADAYAG-MCCOY, and carried by the following vote, to recommend to City Council adoption of a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #13-06, and approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment #13-01, subject to the Findings set forth in Staff Report #13-10 (RESOLUTION #3019):

AYES: Commissioners Amey, McCoy, Williams, Madayag, and

Chairperson Colby

NOES: Commissioner Mackin ABSENT: Commissioner Padilla

4.2 Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Planning Manager ESPINOSA discussed the function of the Planning Commission in review of the CIP. Acting City Engineer ELWIN was available to answer questions regarding the projects. For further information, refer to Staff Report #13-09.

M/S COLBY-MADAYAG, and carried by the following vote, to find that the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program is consistent with the General Plan:

AYES: Commissioners Amey, McCoy, Williams, Madayag, and

Chairperson Colby

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Mackin ABSENT: Commissioner Padilla

4.3 <u>Cancellation of the May 22, 2013, Planning Commission</u>
Meeting due to Conflict with City Council Meeting.

M/S AMEY-MACKIN, and carried by the following vote, to cancel the Planning Commission meeting of May 22, 2013:

AYES: Commissioners Amey, McCoy, Mackin, Williams,

Madayag, and Chairperson Colby

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Padilla

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.1 <u>Calendar of Meetings/Events</u>

Chairperson COLBY noted for the record that he would not be available for the June 19, 2013, Planning Commission meeting.

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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson COLBY adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KIM ESPINOSA, Secretary

Merced City Planning Commission

APPROVED:

TRAVIS COLBY, Chairperson Merced City Planning Commission

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CITY OF MERCED Planning Commission

Resolution #3019

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of May 8, 2013, held a public hearing and considered Zoning Ordinance Amendment #13-01/Environmental Review #13-06, initiated by the City of Merced, including amendments to various sections in Chapters 2.20, "Planning Commission," 17.36, "Signs," and 17.54, "Historic Preservation," and Chapter 20.86, "Site Plan and Architectural Approval," of the Merced Municipal Code. This ordinance is intended to shift the duties previously assigned to the Design Review Commission/Historic Preservation Commission to the Planning Commission and City staff for projects within the Downtown area and historic preservation projects. Other changes to the Municipal Code would re-title references within the sign code to the Merced Redevelopment Agency and Redevelopment Areas, which no longer exist, without changing the sign requirements themselves in any manner; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced City Planning Commission concurs with Findings A through I of Staff Report #13-10; and,

NOW THEREFORE, after reviewing the City's Draft Environmental Determination, and discussing all the issues, the Merced City Planning Commission does resolve to hereby recommend to City Council adoption of a Categorical Exemption regarding Environmental Review #13-06, and approval of Zoning Ordinance Amendment #13-01, as set forth in Attachment A of Staff Report #13-10.

Upon motion by Commissioner Madayag, seconded by Commissioner McCoy, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Amey, Madayag, McCoy, Williams, and

Chairperson Colby

NOES: Commissioner Mackin ABSENT: Commissioner Padilla

ABSTAIN: None

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Adopted this 8th day of May 2013

Chairperson, Planning Commission of the City of Merced, California

ATTEST:

Secretary

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