

**CITY OF MERCED
Planning Commission**

MINUTES

Merced City Council Chambers
Wednesday, August 19, 2015

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: Kurt Smoot, Kevin Smith, Bill Baker, Robert Dylina, Peter Padilla and Chairperson Travis Colby

Commissioners Absent: None (one vacancy)

Staff Present: Planning Manager Espinosa, Principal Planner King, Senior Deputy City Attorney Rozell, and Recording Secretary Lane

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S PADILLA-SMITH, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one vacancy), to approve the Agenda as submitted.

2. **MINUTES**

M/S SMOOT-PADILLA, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one vacancy), to approve the Minutes of July 22, 2015, as submitted.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

4. **ITEMS**

- 4.1 Draft Programmatic Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Overview. Staff will inform the Planning Commission about City of Merced Staff efforts, objectives, and related implementation documents of the PCAP Project, including permit streamlining of the environmental review process for certain types of development projects.

Principal Planner KING reviewed the report on this item. For further information, refer to Staff Report #15-16.

The Commission discussed various aspects of the PCAP Plan. They observed that adoption of this Plan would enable the City to offer applicants either the streamlined version of the permitting process or the previous method if that was the applicant's preference. It was noted by a few Commissioners that the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) streamlining process and cost-savings, enabled by adoption of the Plan, would be a good way to make the City more competitive with other communities in attracting developers, but some expressed concerns about it possibly increasing the cost of development.

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 5.1 Calendar of Meetings/Events

Planning Manager ESPINOSA informed the Commission that the Public Review Draft of the Zoning Code would be presented to them at their next meeting on September 9, 2015.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson COLBY adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



KIM ESPINOSA, Secretary
Merced City Planning Commission

APPROVED:



TRAVIS COLBY, Chairperson
Merced City Planning Commission