

**CITY OF MERCED
Planning Commission**

MINUTES

Merced City Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 23, 2014

Acting Chairperson WILLIAMS 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: Carole McCoy, Kevin Smith, Kurt Smoot, and Acting Chairperson Brandon Williams

Commissioners Absent: Nathan Mackin (unexcused), Peter Padilla (excused), Chairperson Travis Colby (excused)

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

1. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S MCCOY-SMITH, and carried by unanimous voice vote (three absent), to approve the Agenda as submitted.

2. **MINUTES**

M/S MCCOY-SMOOT, and carried by unanimous voice vote (three absent), to approve the Minutes of June 18 and July 9, 2014, as submitted.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

4. **ITEMS**

- 4.1 Design Review #14-01, initiated by Shaheen Zamani, property owner. This application involves a request to construct a 3,108-square-foot retail tire store at 1457 W. 16th Street, within a Thoroughfare Commercial (C-T) Zone.

Planning Manager ESPINOSA advised that the applicant requested this item be continued to the Planning Commission meeting of August 20, 2014.

Public testimony was opened at 7:03 p.m.

M/S SMITH-SMOOT, and carried by unanimous voice vote (three absent), to continue the public hearing to the Planning Commission meeting of August 20, 2014.

- 4.2 General Plan Amendment #14-01 and Zone Change #420, initiated by Carlos Fuentes and Jeffrey Tenenbaum, property owners. This application involves a request to amend the General Plan Designation from Low-Density Residential (LD) to Commercial Office (CO) and change the zoning from R-1-6 to Commercial Office (C-O) for two parcels. The first parcel (Parcel One) being generally located on the north side of West 23rd Street, approximately 50 feet west of O Street (815 West 23rd Street) and the second parcel (Parcel Two) being generally located on the south side of West 23rd Street, approximately 100 feet west of O Street (820 West 23rd Street).

Planning Manager ESPINOSA advised that the applicant requested this item be withdrawn in order to add a third lot to the applications. No action was required. Ms. ESPINOSA noted the modified applications have been scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting of August 20, 2014.

4.3 Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner MCCOY nominated Chairperson COLBY to continue as Chairperson and Commissioner Williams as Vice-Chairperson. Senior Deputy City Attorney ROZELL advised her to make one nomination per motion. Commissioner MCCOY amended her nomination to nominate Chairperson COLBY to continue as Chairperson. Commissioner SMOOT suggested that due to Chairperson COLBY's absence and therefore, inability to accept the nomination, this item be continued to the meeting of August 20, 2014. Commissioner MCCOY agreed and withdrew her motion.

M/S MCCOY-SMOOT, and carried by the following vote, to continue this item to the Planning Commission meeting of August 20, 2014:

AYES: Commissioners Smith, Smoot, McCoy, and Acting Chairperson Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Mackin, Padilla, and Chairperson Colby
ABSTAIN: None

4.4 Cancellation of August 6, 2014, Planning Commission Meeting due to Lack of Items

M/S WILLIAMS-MCCOY, and carried by unanimous voice vote (three absent), to cancel the Planning Commission meeting of August 6, 2014.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Calendar of Meetings/Events

There was no discussion regarding the calendar of meetings/events.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Acting Chairperson WILLIAMS adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



KIM ESPINOSA, Secretary
Merced City Planning Commission

APPROVED:



BRANDON WILLIAMS, Acting Chairperson
Merced City Planning Commission