

**CITY OF MERCED  
Planning Commission**

**MINUTES**

Merced City Council Chambers  
Wednesday, December 3, 2014

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, Peter Padilla, Kurt Smoot, Kevin Smith, Travis Colby, and Chairperson Brandon Williams

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 COLBY-SMOOT, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one vacancy), to approve the Agenda as submitted.

2. **MINUTES**

M/S MCCOY-COLBY, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one vacancy) to approve the Minutes of November 5, 2014, as submitted.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

4. **ITEMS**

- 4.1 Adoption of the *Bellevue Community Plan* and certification of Addendum (ERC# 11-15) to the *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Environmental Impact Report* (SCH#2008071069), and General Plan Amendment #14-02, initiated by the City of Merced. The *Bellevue Community Plan* contains several elements including Vision and Urban Design, Mobility, Open Space, Conservation and Recreation, Community Character (Land Use), Urban Expansion, Public Services and Facilities, and Plan Maintenance that will be used by the City to guide future growth within the City's Sphere of Influence for approximately 2.4 square miles generally bounded by G Street on the west; Farmland Avenue on the north; Lake Road on the east and Cardella Road on the South (between Lake Road and Gardner Road), and generally ½ mile south of Bellevue Road (between Gardner Road and G Street). (Item continued from meeting of October 22, 2014)

Principal Planner KING reviewed the report on this item. For further information, refer to Staff Report #14-14 - Addendum.

There was no one present wishing to speak regarding the project; therefore, public testimony was opened and closed at 7:57 p.m.

The Commission discussed the project which resulted in the following two motions.

M/S PADILLA-COLBY, and carried by the following vote, to recommend to City Council certification of an Addendum to the *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Environmental Impact Report* (SCH#2008071069) and Supportive Expanded Initial Study #11-15, approval of General Plan Amendment #14-02, and adoption of the *Bellevue Community Plan* (RESOLUTION #3039):

AYES: Commissioners McCoy, Padilla, Smoot, Smith, Colby,  
and Chairperson Williams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None (one vacancy)

ABSTAIN: None

M/S COLBY-SMITH, and carried by the following vote, to ask the City Council to consider creating an expedited UC Merced transit needs plan. Specifically, it should connect UC Merced to the Downtown area, and either in the first phase or later phases, it should connect to the Amtrak station and future High Speed Rail Station. The implementation of the short-term plan should take place in not more than three years and the long term plan for mass transit should provide more details for the General Plan concept for transit-ways, including necessary rights-of-way, etc.

AYES: Commissioners McCoy, Padilla, Smoot, Smith, Colby,  
and Chairperson Williams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None (one vacancy)

ABSTAIN: None

#### 4.2 Nomination of a Planning Commission Representative to the High Speed Rail Steering Committee

M/S COLBY-WILLIAMS, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one vacancy), to nominate Commissioner PADILLA as the Planning Commission Representative to the High Speed Rail Steering Committee.

### 5. INFORMATION ITEMS

#### 5.1 Calendar of Meetings/Events

Planning Manager ESPINOSA noted that the Planning Commission meeting of December 17, 2014, was cancelled and briefed the Commission on items for the January Planning Commission meetings.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson WILLIAMS adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



KIM ESPINOSA, Secretary  
Merced City Planning Commission

APPROVED:



BRANDON WILLIAMS, Chairperson  
Merced City Planning Commission

**CITY OF MERCED**  
**Planning Commission**

**Resolution #3039**

**WHEREAS**, the Merced City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of December 3, 2014, held a public hearing and considered Adoption of the *Bellevue Community Plan* and certification of Addendum (ERC# 11-15) to the *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Environmental Impact Report* (SCH#2008071069), and **General Plan Amendment #14-02**, initiated by the City of Merced. The *Bellevue Community Plan* contains several elements including Vision and Urban Design, Mobility, Open Space, Conservation and Recreation, Community Character (Land Use), Urban Expansion, Public Services and Facilities, and Plan Maintenance that will be used by the City to guide future growth within the City's Sphere of Influence for approximately 2.4 square miles generally bounded by G Street on the west; Farmland Avenue on the north; Lake Road on the east and Cardella Road on the South (between Lake Road and Gardner Road), and generally ½ mile south of Bellevue Road (between Gardner Road and G Street); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Merced City Planning Commission concurs with Findings A through K of Staff Report #14-14; and,

**NOW THEREFORE**, after reviewing the City's EIR and Supportive Expanded Initial Study and Draft Environmental Determination, and fully discussing all the issues, the Merced City Planning Commission does resolve to hereby recommend to City Council certification of an Addendum to the *Merced Vision 2030 General Plan Environmental Impact Report* (SCH#2008071069) and Supportive Expanded Initial Study #11-15, approval of General Plan Amendment #14-02, and adoption of the *Bellevue Community Plan*.

Upon motion by Commissioner Padilla, seconded by Commissioner Colby, and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners McCoy, Padilla, Smoot, Smith, Colby, and  
Chairperson Williams  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None (one vacancy)  
ABSTAIN: None

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Adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2014



Chairperson, Planning Commission of  
the City of Merced, California

ATTEST:



Secretary