

**CITY OF WASCO**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**February 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8<sup>th</sup> Street Wasco, California**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chairman Ramirez led the flag salute.
3. **INVOCATION:** Chairman Ramirez offered the invocation.

4. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairman Ramirez, Commissioners: Drescher, Pallares

Absent: Holtermann

Staff Present: Planning Director Mobley, Administrative Assistant Debra Andreotti

5. **Administration of the Oath of Office to newly appointed Planning**

**Commissioners.** Debra Andreotti administered the Oath of Office.

a) **Nominations and Appointment of Officers.**

1. Nomination of Chairperson

Commissioner Drescher nominated Commissioner Pallares for Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ramirez, all in favor, motion carried.

AYES: Chairman Ramirez, Commissioners: Pallares, Drescher, Forrest

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Holtermann

2. Nomination of Vice Chairman

Commissioner Drescher nominated Commissioner Holtermann for Vice Chairman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Ramirez, all in favor, motion carried.

AYES: Chairman Pallares, Commissioners: Ramirez, Drescher, Forrest

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Holtermann

6. **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS None**

7. **HEARING FROM PUBLIC ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA** –This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Commission on any matter not on this agenda and over which the Commission has jurisdiction. Speakers are limited to two (2) minutes.

**The Planning Commission will receive your comments but NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. Should your comments require further consideration by the Planning Commission; the item will be agendaized for a report and discussed at a future Planning Commission meeting. Please state your name and address for the record before making presentation.**

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - The Consent Calendar consists of items that in staff's opinion are routine and non-controversial. These items are approved in one motion unless a Commissioner or member of the public removes a particular item.

- a) Approval of Minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 Planning Commission Meeting.

- b) Community Development Department Project Reports for the Months of October, November, December 2015 and January 2016.
- c) Code Enforcement Reports for the Months of October, November, December 2015 and January 2016.
- d) Building Reports for the Months of October, November, December 2015 and January 2016.

Commissioner Drescher made a motion to approve the consent Calendar as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Ramirez all in favor motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Drescher, Forrest, Ramirez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Pallares (Item 8a.)

ABSENT: Holtermann

## **9. Community Beautification Recognition Program**

Director Mobley gave staff report. Director Mobley stated that this program would encourage and promote community pride in our city. The program will implement policy direction from the City's updated General plan Community Design Element. One residential and one commercial property will be selected for recognition on a quarterly basis.

Commissioner Ramirez asked if anyone can make a nomination and if they have any code issues would that be a problem?

Director Mobley stated that it could be a problem with code issues and anyone can nominate anyone.

Commissioner Forrest stated that the VFW put up 7 flag posts in various places around town, would that count as an award, it beautifies the city?

## **10. General Plan Update EIR Scoping**

Director Mobley gave staff report.

## **11. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Director Mobley said that Walmart has opened and doing well. There have been discussions with Starbucks but no final plans have been submitted. Barker Square has been purchased by another company, no plans on what is going in that space. HSR discussions with cooperative agreement on what they will disrupt. The contractor has been selected.

The downtown business owners have been meeting once a month to help benefit the downtown area. The turnout has been very good and positive.

## **12. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Forrest asked if the AM/PM has been approved and what about the old Bank of America building?

Director Mobley stated that the plans have been approved just waiting for the owner to get the permit. The Bank of America building has been bought but no word on what is going into it. Kern Schools is in the process of opening an ATM kiosk downtown on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

Chairman Pallares asked how did Key Auto get the property on Highway 46 to sell cars?

Director Mobley stated that they went through the normal process and that it is zoned for car sales.

Commissioner Forrest asked if there was any idea if they will widen Highway 46 in the future. Since there will be a new elementary school and children crossing the highway.

Director Mobley stated that it is a huge expense to widen the underpass but it is budgeted in 2046. There are students crossing the highway all the time.

Commissioner Forrest asked how many code compliance officers does the city have?

Director Mobley stated that we currently have 2 but it is budgeted for 2 ½.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Drescher moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Chairman Pallares. All in favor, motion carried.

AYES: Chairman Pallares, Commissioners: Drescher, Ramirez, Forrest

NOES: None

ABSENT: Holtermann

Chairman Pallares adjourned the meeting at: 7:02 p.m.



**Debra Andreotti**  
**Deputy City Clerk**



**John Pallares**  
**Chairman**