

CITY OF WASCO
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
2nd MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
February 10th 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
746 8th Street Wasco, California

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

Present: Chairman Drescher, Commissioners: Ramirez, Tapia, Pallares

Absent: None

Staff Present: Planning Director Mobley, Senior Planner Cobb, Planning Tech Anson Lihosit, Attorney Mark Bateman, Administrative Assistant Debra Andreotti

5. **AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None
6. **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.

Tom Franz, Association of Irrigated Residents, Wasco resident. Would like to make comments regarding the Savage Coal expansion.

City Attorney Bateman stated that public hearing was closed.

Ana Martinez, 365 Hitchcock. Also wanted to make a public comment on the Savage Coal expansion.

City Attorney Bateman said that there were to be no more comments.

7. **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 January 13th, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting.
 - b) Community Development Department Project Report for the Month of January 2014.
 - c) Code Enforcement Report for the Month of January 2014.
 - d) Building Reports for the Month of January 2014.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Tapia, all in favor, motion carried.

AYES: Chairman Drescher, Commissioners: Ramirez, Tapia, Pallares
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

8. PUBLIC HEARING

- a) Report, Public Hearing and Possible Approval Re: A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Wasco Approving an Amendment to Conditional Use Permit 13-02 and the accompanying categorical exemption. The applicant is proposing to sell alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption under an Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type 21 license.

Chairman Drescher opened public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Planner Cobb gave staff report. Staff is recommending approval with conditions.

Chairman Drescher closed public hearing at 6:08 p.m.

Commissioner Tapia moved to approve Conditional Use Permit 13-02 and the accompanying categorical exemption as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, all in favor, motion carried.

AYES: Chairman Drescher, Commissioners: Ramirez, Tapia, Pallares
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

- b) Continued Hearing and Possible Approval Re: A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Wasco Approving an Amendment to Conditional Use Permit 489-87 to increase operating capacity from 900,000 tons of sub-bituminous coal per year to 1,500,000 tons of non-metallic minerals per year.

Director Mobley gave report on what transpired at the last Planning Commission Meeting regarding the Savage Coal expansion. Director Mobley gave list of concerns and conditions of approval. Water testing was one concern. Two additional letters were received but were received after the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Ramirez moved to approve the Amendment to Conditional Use Permit 489-87 to increase operating capacity from 900,000 tons of sub-bituminous coal per year to 1,500,000 tons of non-metallic minerals per year as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Tapia, all in favor, motion carried.

AYES: Chairman Drescher, Commissioners: Ramirez, Tapia, Pallares
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

9. **REPORTS FROM STAFF** - Director Mobley stated there was interest in the building that was occupied by Fresh & Easy. The Fiesta Market would open sometime in late February-March.

10. **REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS** - Commissioner Ramirez asked if there were any other stores interested in opening by Walmart. Director Mobley stated that there has been interest.

11. ADJOURNMENT

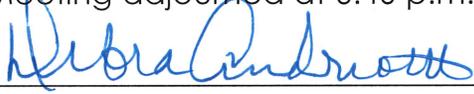
Commissioner Ramirez moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tapia. All in favor, motion carried.

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

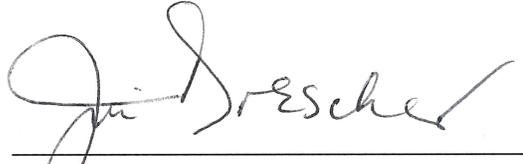
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Debra Andreotti
Secretary to the Planning Commission



Jill Drescher
Chairman