

**CITY OF WASCO**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8<sup>th</sup> Street Wasco, California**

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

Present: Chairman Pallares, Commissioners: Drescher, Ramirez, Forrest, Holtermann

Absent: None

Staff Present: Planning Director Mobley, 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.**

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 February 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 Planning Commission Meeting.
- b) Community Development Department Project Report for the Month of February 2016.
- c) Code Enforcement Report for the Month of February 2016.
- d) Building Reports for the Month of February 2016.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

8. Report, Public Hearing and Possible Recommendation Re: Various Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments to Chapter 17.19, 17.55 and Tables 17-1, 17-2, and 17-4.

Director Mobley gave the staff report. Director Mobley said that there are 5 amendments and gave a description of each amendment. Director Mobley stated that the city does general clean up periodically.

Commissioner Forrest made a motion to recommend Re: Various Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments to Chapter 17.19, 17.55 and Tables 17-1, 17-2, and 17-4. Seconded by Commissioner Ramirez all in favor motion carried.

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

## 9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Director Mobley stated that HSR is in the process of starting. We still don't know what the final design is. The City will have a chance to comment on the design. It looks like it is moving forward.

We have a workshop meeting on the General Plan Update tomorrow, Tuesday, March 15 at 4:30. You have been given only the policies not the whole packet.

Also, Kern Schools is in the process of having a kiosk downtown on 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

## 10. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Forrest asked when there is an announcement for a public hearing where is it advertised so the citizens of Wasco know about it?

Director Mobley stated that we put all public hearing notices in the newspaper and post at City Hall. If it is a specific property we have to notify by mail all properties that are within a 300 feet radius.

Commissioner Holtermann stated that she noticed that they are taking out the trees that are in front of WalMart.

Commissioner Drescher asked Director Mobley if he knows how Walmart is doing and has it affected other stores in the area?

Director Mobley stated he has heard positive feedback and that City Manager Paris has been keeping in contact with Walmart.

Commissioner Ramirez asked about the parcels where Walmart is and if people are interested in having a business where would they be?

Director Mobley stated that they would be in the front because they have already done the street improvements and also on the east side of Central Ave.

Commissioner Drescher asked if the smoke shops are allowed?

Director Mobley stated that under the new ordinance smoke shops are not allowed but if they are already established they can stay.

Joseph McClean – Cherrytree Way. Stated he is a student from Wasco High School doing research for his class. Asked if the smoke shop is already there before the change is it the same as grandfathered in?

Director Mobley also stated that if the smoke shop closed another smoke shop can come in the same spot if within a year, after the shop has closed for a year another one cannot come in the same spot.

Commissioner Forrest stated that sometimes it is hard for him to hear that he has a hearing problem that he is trying to get fixed, so please bear with him. Commissioner Forrest stated that on the Code Enforcement Report it doesn't tell him a lot. He would like more details on when violations are made and when they are cleared he would like more details.

Commissioner Forrest asked if banners allowed in the city, it seems like there are some that have been up for a long time and look really bad.

Director Mobley stated that the sign ordinance was revised and there is an ordinance for temporary signs that you can have for 90 days. If you have concerns let us know and we will have Code Compliance look into it.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Chairman Pallares adjourned the meeting at: 6:45p.m.



**Debra Andreotti**  
Deputy City Clerk



**John Pallares**  
Chairman