

**CITY OF WASCO**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**November 10<sup>th</sup> 2014 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**746 8<sup>th</sup> 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: Tapia, Pallares, Holtermann

Absent: Commissioner Ramirez

Staff Present: Planning Director Mobley, Administrative Assistant Debra Andreotti, City Manager Paul Paris

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 September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting.
  - b) Community Development Department Project Report for the Months of September and October 2014.
  - c) Code Enforcement Report for the Months of September and October 2014.
  - d) Building Reports for the Months of September and October 2014.Commissioner Tapia moved to approve the Consent Calendar as submitted. Seconded by Commissioner Pallares, all in favor, motion carried.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Commissioner Ramirez

8. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a) Historic Downtown Overlay District Plan Public Workshop.

Chairman Drescher opened public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Director Mobley gave report and introduced Greg Collins of Collins & Schoettler who gave a power point presentation on updating our Downtown area.

Commissioner Holtermann asked where would the money come from?

Director Mobley stated the money would come from grants.

Joe Hiveley, 1516 6<sup>th</sup> St., Wasco. Mr. Hively stated he is not a big fan of parking in the middle of the streets like the way it is now. The trees are blocking the front of the store fronts.

Rigoberto Solorio, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Wasco. Mr. Rigoberto is concerned with the trees in the sidewalks. The sidewalks are bad next to his store the roots are breaking the sidewalks.

Maria Sedano, 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Wasco. Ms. Sedano stated that the sidewalks are uneven the bricks are uneven. Parking is bad where we are at La Canasta, we would like to use the empty lot between Union Bank and La Canasta for parking.

Tony Bernal, Oak Ave., Wasco. Mr. Bernal stated that the lighting on 7<sup>th</sup> Street is bad you can't see pedestrians walking. The smoke shops have people outside that are always asking for money to buy cigarettes. Also yard sale signs are always left on the posts and never taken down.

Director Mobley stated that we have an arborist looking into replacing the trees and improve visibility.

The vacant lot by Union Bank may not be large enough to use for parking we will have to look into it to see if permissible. The lighting for downtown is something that we are looking into.

The smoke shop is a permitted use we can't deny the use. We are looking into changing our codes and try to improve them.

The Downtown Update process will be ongoing until the spring of 2015.

Greg Collins stated that the business owners may have increased business license fees to use toward security, etc. They should get together and see what they would like to have it used for.

Chairman Drescher closed public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

- b) Report and Recommendation Re: Resolution 14-11. A Resolution of the Planning Commission Recommending Approval of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 14-02 allowing kiosk subdivision directional signs to the Wasco City Council.

Chairman Drescher opened public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

Director Mobley gave staff report. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission move to adopt Resolution No. 14-11.

Chairman Drescher asked if a business could have more than one sign with their name on each kiosk.

Director Mobley stated that they can have their name on each kiosk sign.

Commissioner Holtermann asked where can they put the signs and who would pay for the sign and to whom.

Director Mobley said that they can put the signs coming and going from Wasco on vacant land on Highway 46 and Highway 43 with a maximum of 4 to 5 in the city. The business would pay for the signs.

Commissioner Drescher closed public hearing at 7:15

Commissioner Holtermann moved to approve Resolution No. 14-11. A Resolution of the Planning Commission Recommending Approval of a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment 14-02 to the Wasco City Council. Seconded by Commissioner Tapia. All in favor, motion carried.

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

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Commissioner Ramirez

## 9. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Director Mobley stated that they are having two planning studies going on. The next General Plan meeting will be next Tuesday before the regular City Council meeting at 4:30 in the court house.

O'Reilly has finally finalized their plans and is ready to start the project. AM/PM and Del Taco are continuing to pursue the parcel in front of the Best Western.

El Pueblo Market will be continuing to redo their building and the Mr. & Mrs. Club is also continuing to finish their project.

Commissioner Holtermann asked how long can the political signs stay up?

City Manager Paris stated that courtesy letters will go out as soon as possible if they are not picked up.

## 10. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

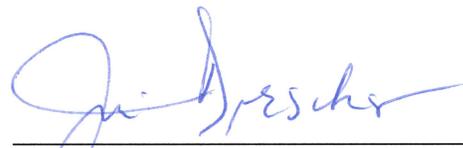
NOES: NONE

ABSENT: Commissioner Ramirez

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Debra Andreotti  
Secretary to the Planning Commission



Jill Drescher  
Chairman