

**CITY OF MERCED
Planning Commission**

MINUTES

Merced City Council Chambers
Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Chairperson DREXEL 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: Mary Camper, Robert Dylina, Michael Harris, Peter Padilla, Sam Rashe, and Chairperson Scott G. Drexel

Commissioners Absent: None (One Vacancy)

Staff Present: Planning Manager Espinosa, Deputy City Attorney Campbell, and Recording Secretary Gates

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S HARRIS-RASHE, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one vacancy), to approve the Agenda as submitted.

2. MINUTES

M/S DYLINA-HARRIS, and carried by unanimous voice vote (one vacancy), to approve the Minutes of July 17 and August 21, 2019, as submitted.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

None

4. ITEMS

4.1 Community Garden Presentation by Merced County Health Department

Stephanie Russell, Merced County Department of Public Health, gave a presentation regarding community gardens. She answered questions from the Commission.

- 4.2 Sign/Zoning Ordinance Amendment #19-04, initiated by the City of Merced. This application involves changes to the Merced Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 20.62 “Signs” of the Merced Municipal Code) and Sign Ordinance (Chapter 17.36 “Signs” of the Merced Municipal Code), including Article I—Definitions, Article II—General Regulations, Article III—Regulations for North Merced, and Article IV—Regulations for Downtown. This amendment would involve various additions and modifications to the City’s requirements for signs.

Planning Manager ESPINOSA reviewed the report on this item. For further information refer to Staff Report #19-25.

There was no one present wishing to speak regarding this project; therefore, public testimony was opened and concluded at 7:53 p.m.

M/S DREXEL-HARRIS, and carried by the following vote, to continue the public hearing to the Planning Commission meeting of October 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

AYES: Commissioners Camper, Dylina, Harris, Padilla, Rashe, and Chairperson Drexel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None (one vacancy)

ABSTAIN: None

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Calendar of Meetings/Events

Planning Manager ESPINOSA briefed the Planning Commission on items for the next few Planning Commission meetings.

Commissioner RASHE informed the Commission that he would be absent for the meeting of October 9, 2019. Commissioner PADILLA was unsure if he would be in attendance as well.

Commissioner CAMPER informed the Commission that she would be unable to attend the October 23, 2019, meeting.

Chairperson DREXEL informed the Commission that he had accepted a job that would require him to move outside of Merced and his resignation would be effective immediately following the meeting.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairperson DREXEL adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



KIM ESPINOSA, Secretary
Merced City Planning Commission

APPROVED:



MICHAEL HARRIS, Vice Chairperson
Merced City Planning Commission