



PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION MINUTES

September 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The Planning Commission of the City of Atwater met in Regular Session this date at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at the Atwater Civic Center, 750 Bellevue Road, Atwater, California; Vice Chairperson Daugherty presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Borgwardt.

INVOCATION: The Invocation was led by Police Chaplain Mead

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners: Borgwardt, Sanders, Daugherty

Absent: Commissioners: Mead, Nelson

Staff Present: Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson, Recording Secretary Dyson, Police Chief Salvador, Recreation and Events Administrative Assistant Billings.

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AMENDED:

Director Thompson requested the agenda be amended to remove Item #6.

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgwardt, and the vote was: Ayes: Noes: none; Absent: Mead, Nelson. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 18, 2021, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Borgwardt moved to approve the minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and the vote was: Ayes:

Sanders, Borgwardt, Daugherty; Noes: none; Absent: Mead, Nelson. The motion passed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Request from Victory Baptist Church for 'Christmas in the Park' at Ralston Park.

Pastor Miller provided an overview of the event and request.

Commissioner Sanders inquired about the possible road closures.

Police Chief Salvador and Director Thompson stated a road closure would not be needed.

One resident supported the approval of request.

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the request from Victory Baptist Church for the event. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgwardt, and the vote was: ayes: Borgwardt, Sanders, Daugherty; noes: none; absent: Mead, Nelson. The motion passed.

Request from Old Town Atwater for Temporary Road Closure for Temporary Ice Skating Rink Event.

Old Town Atwater President Kessler provided an overview of the event and request.

Commissioner Borgwardt inquired about the time period of the road closure and if it would conflict with the Christmas Parade. He also inquired about advertising.

Administrative Assistant Billings explained the Christmas Parade route.

One resident supported the approval of the request.

Motion: Commissioner Borgwardt moved to approve the request from Old Town Atwater for the temporary road closure for an ice-skating rink. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and the vote was: ayes: Sanders, Borgwardt, Daugherty; noes: none; absent: Mead, Nelson. The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Making an environmental finding that the project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopting a resolution to approve a site plan and architectural review; located at 596 Bellevue Road, Atwater (APN: 002-252-008).

Applicant, Eric Cheung, provided an overview of the purpose of the project.

Public Works/ Community Development Director Thompson provided an overview of the project.

Commissioner Borgwardt inquired about the reasoning for public hearing and square footage.

Vice Chairperson Daugherty opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to comment, and Vice Chairperson Daugherty closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to make the finding that the project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section: 15301 “existing facilities” exemption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgwardt, and the vote was: ayes: Sanders, Borgwardt, Daugherty Noes: none; Absent: Mead, Nelson. The motion passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Borgwardt moved to adopt Resolution No. PC 0161-21 approving Site Plan No. 21-16-0100 and architectural review to close the existing breezeway; located at 596 Bellevue Road, Atwater (APN: 002-252-008). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and the vote was: ayes: Sanders, Borgwardt, Daugherty; noes: none; absent: Mead, Nelson. The motion passed.

Making an environmental finding that the project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and adopting a resolution to approve Conditional Use Permit and Site Plan; located at 1192 Huntingdale Way, Atwater (APN: 004-236-012).

Public Works/Community Development Director Thompson provided an overview of the project.

Vice Chairperson Daugherty opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to comment, and Chairperson Daugherty closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to make the finding that the project is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guideline section 15303: Class 3 “New Construction or Conversions of Small Structures” exemption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Borgwardt, and the vote was: ayes: Borgwardt, Sanders, Daugherty; noes: none; absent: Mead, Nelson. The motion passed.

MOTION: Commissioner Borgwardt moved to adopt Resolution No. PC 0179-21 approving Conditional Use Permit No. 21-30-0100 and Site Plan No. 21-30-0200 for a 576 square foot detached garage. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanders, and the vote was: ayes: Sanders, Borgwardt, Daugherty; noes: none; absent: Mead, Nelson. The motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Notice to the public was read.

No one came forward to comment.

COMMISSIONER MATTERS:

Commissioner Sanders had no comments.

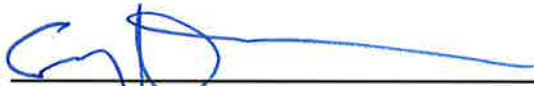
Commissioner Borgwardt requested a pothole be filled on the eastside of Shaffer near Broadway Avenue.

Vice Chairperson Daugherty thanked staff for signal improvements.

Director Thompson stated an assessment was being conducted and would report to the Commissioners when completed.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.



GREG THOMPSON, Planning Commission
Secretary

By: Christina Dyson
Recording Secretary