



CITY OF ATWATER

PLANNING COMMISSION

ACTION MINUTES

June 21, 2023

REGULAR SESSION: (Council Chambers)

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 Borgwardt presiding.

INVOCATION:

Invocation by Chaplain McClellan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commission Member Sanchez-Garcia.

ROLL CALL:

Present: *Planning Commission Members Borgwardt, Kadach, Sanchez-Garcia, Sanders*

Absent: *Chairperson Daugherty*

Staff Present: *Battalion Chief Lopes, Chief Salvador, Deputy City Manager / Community Development Director Thompson, Senior Planner Rashe, and Recording Secretary Rashad.*

SUBSEQUENT NEED ITEMS:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AS POSTED OR AS AMENDED:

MOTION: Planning Commission Member Kadach moved to approve the agenda as posted. The motion was seconded by Planning Commission Member Sanchez-Garcia and the vote was: Ayes: Planning Commission Members Borgwardt, Kadach, Sanchez-Garcia, Sanders ; Noes: None; Absent: Chairperson Daugherty. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) May 17, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- b) June 1, 2023 – Special Meeting

MOTION: Planning Commission Member Sanders moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Planning Commission Member Sanchez-Garcia and the vote was: Ayes: Planning Commission Members Borgwardt, Kadach, Sanders, Sanchez-Garcia; Noes: None; Absent: Chairperson Daugherty. The motion passed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing to consider adopting a Resolution recommending to the City Council of Atwater approving a General Plan Amendment No. 23-06-0100 adopting The Merced County Association of Governments Thresholds and Implementation Guidelines. (Applicant: City of Atwater)

Senior Planner Rashe presented a PowerPoint on this item.

Vice Chairperson Borgwardt opened the public hearing.

No one else came forward to speak.

Vice Chairperson Borgwardt closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Planning Commission Member Sanders moved to Make a finding that the project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guideline section 15308, "Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment," and adopt Resolution No. 0225-23, making a recommendation that the City Council of Atwater approve General Plan Amendment No. 23-06-0100 adopting the Merced County Association of Governments Thresholds and Implementation Guidelines. The motion was seconded by Planning Commission Member Sanchez-Garcia and the vote was: Ayes: Planning Commission Members

Kadach, Sanchez-Garcia, Borgwardt, Sanders; Noes: None; Absent: Chairperson Daugherty. The motion passed.

Public hearing to consider adopting a resolution recommending City Council adopt a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 23-10-0100 Amending Chapter 17.43 "D-BD, Downtown Business District" and Chapter 17.63 "Parking Requirements" of the Atwater Municipal Code for parking requirements. (Applicant: City of Atwater)

Senior Planner Rashe presented a PowerPoint on this item.

Vice Chairperson Borgwardt opened the public hearing.

Adam Reed said he was in favor of the parking ordinance, but he had questions on the Mobile Food Vendor requirements in the Downtown Business District. He also mentioned Cal Green requirements.

Chaplain McClellan inquired about the number of food trucks in the Downtown Business District.

Vice Chairperson Borgwardt closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Planning Commission Member Sanders moved to make a finding that the project is categorically exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guideline section 15061, (b)(3) the "Review for Exemption," and adopt Resolution No. PC 0230-23, Recommending that the City Council approve Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 23-11-0100 amending Chapter 17.43 "D-BD," Downtown Business District" and Chapter 17.63 "Parking Requirements" of the Atwater Municipal Code for parking requirements. The motion was seconded by Planning Commission Member Kadach and the vote was: Ayes: Planning Commission Members Kadach, Sanchez-Garcia, Borgwardt, Sanders; Noes: None; Absent: Chairperson Daugherty. The motion passed.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS FROM STAFF:

Senior Planner Rashe stated the General Plan Technical Advisory Committee scheduled for July 5th was canceled. He also mentioned two upcoming projects for the next planning commission.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Vice Chairperson Borgwardt opened the Public Comment.

Notice to the public was read.

No one came forward to speak.

Vice Chairperson Borgwardt closed the public comment.

COMMISSIONER MATTERS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairperson Borgwardt adjourned the meeting at 6:39 PM.



Ron Daugherty, Chairperson

By: Kayla Rashad
Recording Secretary