MINUTES OF A SPECIAL JOINT
MEETING OF THE MADERA CITY COUNCIL AND
THE CITY OF MADERA PLANNING COMMISSION
CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA

September 18, 2018
6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Madera City Council
Mayor Andrew J. Medellin
Mayor Pro Tem Jose Rodriguez, District 2
Council Member Cece Gallegos, District 1
Council Member William Oliver, District 3
Council Member Derek O. Robinson Sr., District 4
Council Member Charles F. Rigby, District 5
Council Member Donald E. Holley, District 6

City of Madera Planning Commission
Chairperson Robert Gran Jr.
Vice Chairperson Israel Cortes
Commissioner Bruce Norton
Commissioner Kenneth Hutchings
Commissioner Pamela Tyler
Commissioner Richard Broadhead

Absent:

City of Madera Planning Commission
Commissioner Jim DaSilva

Others present were City Administrator Steve Frazier, City Attorney Brent Richardson, City Clerk Sonia Alvarez, Director of Community Development David Merchen, Director of Financial Services Tim Przybyla, City Engineer Keith Helmuth, Acting Planning Manager Chris Boyle, Planning Administrative Assistant Brandi Garcia, Assistant Planner Jesus Orozco, and Assistant Planner Rob Holt.

INVOCATION: Council Member Holley

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Medellin led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The first fifteen minutes of the meeting are reserved for members of the public to address the Council on items which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Council. Speakers shall be limited to three minutes. Speakers will be asked to identify themselves and state the subject of their comment. If the subject is an item on the Agenda, the Mayor has the option of asking the speaker to hold the comment until that item is called. Comments on items listed as a Public Hearing on the Agenda should be held until the hearing is opened. The Council is prohibited by law from taking any action on matters discussed that are not on the Agenda, and no adverse conclusions should be drawn if the Council does not respond to public comment at this time.

No comments were offered.

Agenda Items
1. A Noticed Public Workshop to Provide for Review of and Input Concerning the Proposed Comprehensive Update of Title X, Chapter 3: Zoning, Last Updated in 1992, in Order to Provide for Consistency with the 2009 General Plan (Presentation by Chris Boyle)

Acting Planning Manager Chris Boyle presented the report. Mr. Boyle's report included information on workshops held with the Planning Commission; an overview of the General Plan and the proposed comprehensive update of the zoning code including sample tables reflecting format changes to the land use schedule and development standards, zoning map update, new zone districts, parking, site plan review; and next steps toward adoption.

General comments by members present included: continue and improve upon project team and linkage between Community Development Departments to provide guidance for existing and new development requests; consider developing a general check off list of requirements to provide to businesses and developers; encourage use of Development Review Committee process; discussion on possible expansion of downtown district; downtown façade improvements and potential trigger of site plan review process; clarification on Accessory Dwelling Units to increase density; and mixed use in downtown area for residential and commercial.

Concurrence was reached for staff to move forward with scheduling a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

2. Commissioner Reports

Chairperson Gran shared that this was a successful meeting and expressed the importance of working together.

3. Council Reports

Council Member Rigby shared his appreciation for the opportunity to meet with the Planning Commission.

Council Member Robinson reported on his attendance at the League of Cities General Assembly.

Council Member Gallegos shared that it is an honor to sit with the Planning Commission and requested a copy of tonight’s PowerPoint.

Council Member Holley shared that this was a good meeting and they should meet every two years.

Council Member Oliver thanked the Planning Commission for their service and agreed that they need to do this more often.

Mayor Medellin also thanked the Planning Commission for their service.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Next regular meeting June 20, 2018

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN

Approval of the minutes is not addressed in the vision or action plans; the requested action is also not in conflict with any of the actions or goals contained in that plan.

SÓNIA ALVAREZ, City Clerk

ANDREW J. MEDELLIN, Mayor