



# City of Fresno

City Hall Council  
Chambers  
2600 Fresno Street

## Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

**Chairperson - Kathy Bray**  
**Vice Chair Raj K. Sodhi-Layne**  
**Commissioner - David Criner**  
**Commissioner Debra McKenzie**  
**Commissioner Peter Vang**  
**Commissioner Brad Hardie**  
**Commissioner Monica Diaz**

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Wednesday, July 22, 2020

6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers  
2600 Fresno Street

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### Regular Meeting

The Planning Commission met in regular session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, at 6:00 p.m. on the date listed above.

**I. STAFF: Badhesha, Kolluri (City Attorney's Office); George, Holt, Pagoulatos, Sanchez, Tackett, Trejo, Zack, Zumwalt(P&D); Benelli, Gormley (Public Works).**

**Present** 7 - Commissioner Brad Hardie, Commissioner David Criner ,  
Commissioner Kathy Bray, Commissioner Debra McKenzie,  
Commissioner Raj K. Sodhi-Layne, Commissioner Peter  
Vang, and Commissioner Monica Diaz

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

*Recital of the pledge was led by Chair Bray.*

**III. PROCEDURES - PROCEDIMIENTOS - KEV SAB LAJ**

*Chair Bray outlined the meeting procedures for the benefit of the public.*

**IV. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*There were no changes made to the agenda.*

**On motion of Commissioner Vang, seconded by Commissioner Diaz,  
that the above be approved. The motion carried by the following  
vote:**

**Aye:** 5 - Commissioner Hardie, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner  
Sodhi-Layne, Commissioner Vang, and Commissioner Diaz

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Criner , and Commissioner McKenzie

- A. Consent Calendar Requests
- B. Continuance Requests
- C. Other Agenda Changes

#### **V. CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Commissioner Criner joined the meeting at 6:05pm.*

*MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS PRESENTED.*

**On motion of Commissioner Criner , seconded by Commissioner Vang, that the above be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hardie, Commissioner Criner , Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Sodhi-Layne, Commissioner Vang, and Commissioner Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner McKenzie

All consent Calendar items are considered by the Planning Commission to be routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested, in which events the items will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered prior to approval of the Consent Calendar. If any member of the public wishes to have a specific item removed for discussion, be present when the meeting is called to order and the Chair announces the Consent Calendar. Commission approval of Consent Calendar items for which there is no discussion shall constitute adoption of the staff recommendation.

- A. Minutes
- B. Communications
- C. Entitlements

1. [ID](#)  
[20-00919](#) Consideration of request for a discretionary two-year extension of time to the expiration date for Tentative Tract Map No. 6211 pertaining to ±1.62 acres of property located on the west side of North Millbrook Avenue, between East Nees and East Goshen Avenues (Council District 6).

1. APPROVE the request for a discretionary two-year

extension of time for the expiration date for Tentative Tract Map No. 6211, subject to compliance with the original conditions of approval as contained in Planning Commission Resolution No. 13539.

#### **VI. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

*No reports were made by the Commission.*

#### **VII. CONTINUED MATTERS**

*There were no continued matters.*

#### **VIII. NEW MATTERS**

- A. [ID](#) Election of Chairperson and Vice Chair.  
[20-00950](#)

*Chair Bray asked the Commission for nominations to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the Planning Commission.*

*Commissioner Hardie nominated and motioned to approve Commissioner McKenzie as Vice Chair and Chair Bray as Chair. Monica Diaz seconded the motion.*

*Vice Chair Sodhi-Layne expressed confusion over the re-election as she has not been in the position for a long period of time.*

*Commissioner Hardie made a friendly amendment to his motion and nominated and motioned to approve Vice Chair Sodhi-Layne as Vice Chair and Chair Bray as Chair. Monica Diaz seconded the motion.*

**MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER SODHI-LAYNE AS VICE CHAIR  
AND CHAIR BRAY AS CHAIR.**

**On motion of Commissioner Hardie, seconded by Commissioner Diaz,  
that the above Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the  
following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Commissioner Hardie, Commissioner Criner, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Sodhi-Layne, Commissioner Vang, and Commissioner Diaz

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner McKenzie

B. [ID](#) [20-00920](#) Public hearing to consider the adoption of Plan Amendment Application No. P19-04226 and related Final Program Environmental Impact Report (FPEIR), State Clearinghouse (SCH) # 2019050005. The following applications have been filed by the Planning and Development Department Director and pertain to the Planning Area of the City of Fresno:

1. Recommend that the City Council review and consider Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR SCH No. 2019050005 and Response to Comments Document), apply the Council's independent judgment and analyses to the review, and then certify the FPEIR including the GHG Reduction Plan set forth in Appendix G of the FPEIR, as having been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the Commission's recommendations on the proposed Final Program EIR and comments thereon.

a. Recommend the City Council adopt an appropriate Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as required by Public Resources Code Section 21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15097;

b. Recommend the City Council find that based upon testimony presented by staff, there are significant, unavoidable, environmental impacts which have not been mitigated to a level below significant. Therefore, the City Council should adopt the findings of fact and consider an appropriate statement of overriding considerations pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081 and CEQA Guidelines Sections 15091 and 15093; and

c. Recommend the City Council adopt the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan Update set forth in Appendix G, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5(b).

2. Recommend that the City Council Approve Plan Amendment Application No P19-04226 which requests authorization to

amend the text of the Fresno General Plan Mobility and Transportation Element to add a Vehicle Miles Traveled policy consistent with California Senate Bill (SB) 743 and to revise policies and text relating to Level of Service (LOS) metrics to update applicability.

*Commissioner McKenzie joined the meeting at 6:10 pm.*

*Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager, presented the to project to the Commission.*

*Chair Bray asked a question regarding VMT and how it will potentially change the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as presented. Staff answered that changes to VMT are not likely to change the EIR.*

*Commissioner McKenzie asked a question regarding the deadline to get the EIR to the State. Staff answered that there is no hard deadline but internally Staff would like to see it complete before the Master Environmental Impact Report becomes obsolete.*

*Chair Bray opened the item to the public for discussion.*

*No one spoke in favor of the project.*

*One member of the public spoke in opposition to the project citing concerns of inadequate response to comments and outreach. Staff rebutted the comments citing that the project conducted all required outreach and responded as required by CEQA. Commissioner Vang asked Staff if the member of the public's organization was notified and Staff responded that they were.*

*Chair Bray closed the public comment section and brought the item back to the dais for discussion. Commissioner Vang made supportive comments regarding the effort of outreach that was done for the project. Chair Bray agreed with the comments.*

**MOTION TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF STAFF'S  
RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL.**

On motion of Commissioner Vang, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, that the above Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Hardie, Commissioner Criner , Commissioner Bray, Commissioner McKenzie, Commissioner Sodhi-Layne, Commissioner Vang, and Commissioner Diaz

**IX. REPORT BY SECRETARY**

*There were no reports made by the Secretary.*

**X. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

*No scheduled oral communications.*

**XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

*No unscheduled oral communications.*

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*ADJOURNMENT AT 6:46 P.M.*