

City of Fresno

*City Hall Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

**In Person and/or Electronic
City Hall Council Chambers**

Planning Commission

Chairperson – Peter Vang

Vice Chair – Brad Hardie

Commissioner – David Criner

Commissioner – Haley M Wagner

Commissioner – Kathy Bray

Commissioner – Monica Diaz

Commissioner – Jacqueline Lyday

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I. ROLL CALL

Chair Vang called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Also present were Jennifer Clark, Israel Trejo, Phillip Siegrist, Robert Holt, Sophia Pagoulatos, Adrienne Asadoorian, Janice Monroe, Kari Camino, Heather Thomas (CAO), Harmanjit Dhaliwal (DPW), and Dejan Pavic (DPU).

Present 7 - Chairperson Peter Vang, Commissioner David Criner , Vice Chair Brad Hardie, Commissioner Haley M. Wagner, Commissioner Kathy Bray, Commissioner Monica Diaz, and Commissioner Jacqueline G. Lyday

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:01 p.m.

III. PROCEDURES - PROCEDIMIENTOS - KEV SAB LAJ

6:01 p.m.

Chair Vang read procedures aloud.

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

6:03 p.m.

Asadoorian made a correction to item VIII-A (Item 24-459). Sub-item two should say "Recommend Approval" rather than "Recommend Adoption."

On motion of Commissioner Criner , seconded by Commissioner Diaz,the AGENDA was APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Vang, Commissioner Criner , Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Lyday

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

N/A

VI. REPORTS BY COMMISSIONERS

6:04 p.m.

None

VII. CONTINUED MATTERS

**VII-A [ID 24-525](#) CONTINUED FROM April 3, 2024
(REFER BACK TO STAFF)**

Hearing to Consider Tentative Tract Map No. 6411 and related Environmental Assessment No. T-6411 for approximately 7.95 acres of property located on the northwest corner of West Church and South Thorne Avenues (Council District 3) - Planning and Development Department.

1. ADOPTION of the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Environmental Assessment No. T-6411 dated February 16, 2024, for the proposed project pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
2. APPROVAL of Tentative Tract Map No. 6411 proposing to subdivide approximately 7.95 acres of the subject property into a 58 -lot single-family residential conventional development, subject to compliance with the Conditions of Approval dated April 3, 2024.

6:04 p.m.

Chair Vang stated Item VII-A (ID 24-525) is being referred back to Staff as noted.

VIII. NEW MATTERS

VIII-A [ID 24-459](#) Consideration of Text Amendment Application No. P23-01018 and related Environmental Finding for Environmental Assessment No. P23-01018, amending Section 15-2009 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to locations where razor wire fencing is permitted.

1. **RECOMMEND ADOPTION** (to the City Council), of a finding set forth in Environmental Assessment No. P23-01018, that Text Amendment Application No. P23-01018 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303/Class 3.
2. **RECOMMEND ADOPTION** (to the City Council), of Text Amendment Application No. P23-01018, to amend Section 15-2009 of the Fresno Municipal Code, relating to the Zone Districts where razor wire fencing is permitted.

6:05 p.m.

Asadoorian made a presentation on a Text Amendment Application that was previously presented to Planning Commission on November 1, 2023. Upon further review by Staff after the November 1, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting, it was noted that revisions were required to comply with Council action from the passage of the Resolution of Initiation as it pertains to the Draft Ordinance. Revisions include amending Fresno Municipal Code 15-2009 and additional location restrictions. She concluded with a timeline if Text Amendment is approved.

No public comment was given.

On motion of Commissioner Bray, seconded by Commissioner Wagner, that the above Action Item be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Chairperson Vang, Commissioner Criner , Vice Chair Hardie, Commissioner Wagner, Commissioner Bray, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Lyday

IX. REPORT BY SECRETARY

6:10 p.m.

Clark asked Trejo to make a report.

Trejo reported that according to Fresno Municipal Code 15-4303(C)(2)(a), Planning Staff shall notify the Commissioners when a revision is submitted. A revision was received regarding Tentative Tract Map 6387, previously approved on March 2, 2022. The revision includes the addition of 14 lots and a slight change of the layout. Staff reported reviewing the application, and intends to process and approve it.

X. SCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

N/A

XI. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

6:10 p.m.

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Vang adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.