

CITY OF TULARE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tulare Public Library—Council Chambers
491 North M Street

April 8, 2019

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Miguel, Miller, Rocha, Cox, Olivares

TEENS ON BOARD PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Josh McDonnell, Community & Economic
Development Director
Mario Anaya, Principal Planner
Steven Sopp, Associate Planner
Lucie Brown, Commission Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Miguel called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Cox led us in the flag salute.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ontiveros noted that he is a member of the Tulare Youth Athletic Board and they had their opening day on April 7th at Mission Oak High School and over 1500 spectators turned out. He stated that there are approximately 330 kids enrolled in the flag football program.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

(1) Minutes of the March 25, 2019 regular meeting

It was motioned by Commissioner Rocha and seconded by Commissioner Cox to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING:

(1) Variance No. 460:

Steven Sopp, Associate Planner, reviewed with the Commission a request by Pilot Travel Centers to allow a freeway sign to be located approximately 710 ft away from SR 99 in lieu of the maximum 300 ft. required per City of Tulare Municipal Code on property located at 979 E. Paige Avenue.

Chairman Miguel opened the public hearing.

There being no one to speak in favor of or against the project the public hearing was closed.

Following Commission discussion it was motioned by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Rocha to adopt Resolution 5319, approving Variance No. 460, based on the findings and subject to the conditions as listed in the staff report.

COMMISSIONERS

AYES: Miller, Rocha, Cox, Olivares
Miguel

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

(2) Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-08:

Steven Sopp, Associate Planner, reviewed with the Commission a request by Gary Grigoryan to construct an 8,000 sq. ft. Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF) manufacturing facility located north of Industrial Avenue on the east side of Industrial Place.

Chairman Miguel opened the public hearing.

John Atilano, Lane Engineering, spoke in favor of the project and made himself available to answer any questions.

There being no one to speak in favor of or against the project, the public hearing was closed.

Following Commission discussion it was motioned by Commissioner Olivares and seconded by Commissioner Rocha to adopt Resolution 5318, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-08 based on the findings and subject to the conditions as listed in the staff report.

COMMISSIONERS

AYES: Olivares, Rocha, Cox, Miller
Miguel

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Commissioner Cox recused himself stating that he owns property near project.

(3) Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-09:

Steven Sopp, Associate Planner, reviewed with the Commission a request by Art Quintero of AQ Designs on behalf of Diego Espinoza to construct a duplex consisting of two 1,749 sq. ft. units to be located at 253 North "M" Street.

Chairman Miguel opened the public hearing.

Art Quintero, AQ Designs, spoke in favor of the project and made himself available to answer any questions.

There being no one to speak in favor of or against the project, the public hearing was closed.

Following Commission discussion it was motioned by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Olivares to adopt Resolution 5316, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-09 based on the findings and subject to the conditions as listed in the staff report.

COMMISSIONERS

AYES: Miller, Olivares, Rocha, Miguel

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Cox

Commissioner Cox returned to his seat.

(4) Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-10:

Steven Sopp, Associate Planner, reviewed with the Commission a request by Varinder Singh to operate a stationary mobile vending vehicle on property located at 2811 S. Blackstone Street.

Chairman Miguel opened the public hearing.

There being no one to speak in favor of or against the project, the public hearing was closed.

Following Commission discussion it was motioned by Commissioner Rocha and seconded by Commissioner Miller to adopt Resolution 5317, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-10 based on the findings and subject to the conditions as listed in the staff report.

COMMISSIONERS

AYES: Rocha, Miller, Olivares, Cox
Miguel

ABSENT: None

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

GENERAL BUSINESS—NON PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

None

TEENS ON BOARD:

None

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Director McDonnell provided the Commission with an update on the homeless encampment located on the Railroad property between “J” Street and “I” Street.

He noted that staff along with several agencies offered services to over 55 of the residents out there and out of the 55 approximately 17 of them took advantage of the services offered.

AJOURNMENT:

There being no other items to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

CHUCK MIGUEL, CHAIRMAN
City of Tulare Planning Commission

ATTEST:

JOSH MCDONNELL, Community & Economic
Development Director
City of Tulare Planning Commission