The City of Hanford
CALIFORNIA

MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION
of the
CITY OF HANFORD

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
400 N. Douty St.
7:00 PM, Tuesday, January 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

In Chairperson PADEN's absence, Vice-Chair DOUGLAS called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Richard Douglas		Present	6:33 PM
Travis Paden		Absent	
Savino Perico		Absent	
Angel Vee Galvan		Present	6:34 PM
Jacob Sanchez		Present	6:28 PM
Jason Kemp Van Ee		Present	6:31 PM

INVOCATION

Kathryn Enloe, Executive Director, Crossroads Pregnancy Center

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner GALVAN led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*This is the time for citizens to comment on subject matters not on the agenda and that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. This is also the public's opportunity to request an item from the Consent Calendar be pulled for discussion purposes or to comment on any item on the agenda. Comments related to Public Hearing items will be heard at the time the item is discussed. A maximum of **three minutes** is allowed for each speaker. Please begin your comments by stating your name and providing your city of residence.*

None.

ELECTION OF 2020 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Vice-Chair DOUGLAS invited nominations for the 2020 Chair position.

Commissioner SANCHEZ nominated Commissioner DOUGLAS, and Commissioner GALVAN nominated Commissioner PADEN.

Because Commissioner DOUGLAS was elected in the first vote, no vote was conducted for the nomination of Commissioner PADEN.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [3 TO 1]**
AYES:	Douglas, Sanchez, Kemp Van Ee
NAYS:	Galvan
ABSENT:	Paden, Perico

Newly elected Chairperson DOUGLAS invited nominations for the position of 2020 Vice-Chair.

Commissioner GALVAN nominated Commissioner PADEN.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES:	Douglas, Galvan, Sanchez, Kemp Van Ee
ABSENT:	Paden, Perico

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these matters unless a request is made and then the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar to be discussed and voted upon by a separate motion.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jacob Sanchez
SECONDER:	Jason Kemp Van Ee
AYES:	Douglas, Galvan, Sanchez, Kemp Van Ee
ABSENT:	Paden, Perico

Approval of the Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING

Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-09, a request to convert a former auto center into an urgent care facility in the C-R Regional Commercial zone district and Variance No. 2019-03, a request to deviate from the standards of Section 17.18.130.B of the City of Hanford's Municipal Code, in order to remove the block wall requirement along the rear lot line. The project is located at 1545 Mall Drive (APN 011-060-032). [Continued from December 10, 2019.]

Chairperson DOUGLAS opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m. and called for the staff report.

Senior Planner Myers presented the staff report, recommended approval of the project, and invited questions of staff.

Public Comment:

FAVOR
Dennis Ham, Hanford resident, requested clarification on the type of medical and dental services proposed.

Bob Ramos, Hanford resident, expressed a safety concern if the block wall is not required. Otherwise, he is not opposed to the project.

Applicant Bill Cummings explained that there are currently no fences adjacent to the property, and a block wall would be a stand-alone fence. The dental services would be typical of a dental office, with no general anesthesia. The offices would be open six or seven days a week, with approximate hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

OPPOSED
None

Community Development Director Mata added that she and Police Chief Sever went to the site. Chief Sever stated that the chain-link fence with slats would provide better security, as officers would be able to see through it and notice if anyone was loitering behind it.

Staff answered questions from Commissioners.

Chairperson DOUGLAS closed the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. and called for a motion.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-26, approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-09.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jacob Sanchez
SECONDER:	Angel Vee Galvan
AYES:	Douglas, Galvan, Sanchez, Kemp Van Ee
ABSENT:	Paden, Perico

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-31, approving Variance No. 2019-03.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jacob Sanchez
SECONDER:	Jason Kemp Van Ee
AYES:	Douglas, Galvan, Sanchez, Kemp Van Ee
ABSENT:	Paden, Perico

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion of 2020 Planning Commission Calendar

Director Mata reported that City Council approved moving the Planning Commission meetings to 5:30 p.m. The next meeting (and all future regular meetings) will begin at that time.

Discussion decisions:

--Meetings scheduled during the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas 2020 will be canceled (November 24 and December 22).

--Director Mata will check with the Commissioners, in advance of meetings scheduled near holidays, to see if they prefer to cancel those meetings.

--When possible, staff will schedule meetings when there is more than one item to review. This is to respect the Commissioners' time, so that they do not have to come out to a meeting for just 15-20 minutes. The goal will be to have at least one meeting a month.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Mata announced that Smart & Final (11th & Lacey) is stocking and plans to open around the end of the month. She will notify the Commissioners when she has the date.

City Council is reviewing a replacement for Michael Johnston's vacant Commission seat. Director Mata anticipates that they will announce an appointment at a February Council meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chairperson DOUGLAS thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to serve as 2020 Chairperson.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson DOUGLAS adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Black
Recording Secretary