CITY OF CAMARILLO
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – 7:30 pm
City Council Chambers, 601 Carmen Drive

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Commissioners Edsall, Hemmens and Valenzano, and Chairman Davis
Absent:	Vice Chairman Lusk
Staff Present:	Joe Vacca, Director, Community Development David Moe, Assistant Director, Community Development Kane Thuyen, Deputy City Attorney Tali Tucker, Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer Laura Fox, Recording Secretary

There were 3 people in the audience.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Commissioner Hemmens.

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of January 19, 2016

There was a MOTION by Commissioner Edsall, a SECOND by Commissioner Valenzano, to approve the minutes. With a vote of 3 – 0 – 1 – 1, with Commissioner Hemmens abstaining and Vice-Chairman Lusk absent, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

Camarillo Municipal Code Proposed Amendment to Chapter 17.04 (Sign Regulations) and Section 19.16.160 (Signs) of Chapter 19.16 (Residential Planned Development (Zone)

The Planning Commission will consider a proposed ordinance that would amend the City's Sign Code (Chapter 17.04), with respect to regulations regarding temporary, noncommercial signs during what will be referred to as an "election period," and to remove the existing subdivision sign provisions from the Sign Code and place them in the Residential Planned Development Zone regulations, since such signage is only permitted in this zone. The proposed amendments would also reduce the size and height of subdivision sale signs and eliminate off-site directional signs, since modern communications technology such as the Internet and electronic mapping programs, have reduced the need for physical signs on the ground to assist buyers in locating a new subdivision.

Deputy City Attorney Thuyen gave an overview of the zoning ordinance amendments.

Upon a question by Commissioner Edsall, Director Vacca explained that commercial signs are not permitted and that this amendment only addresses non-commercial speech signs, which cannot be limited to a campaign sign. Director Vacca further explained that two non-commercial signs can be left out all year, and up to eight during the political period.

Commissioner Valenzano stated that he had some concerns and had some discussions with a League of California Cities' attorney and the City's attorneys. He noted that the non-commercial timeframes outside of the election period for the temporary, non-commercial signs were left out of the packet material for the Commissioners. Commissioner Valenzano clarified that each residential property can have two signs, even campaign signs, all year long, and eight signs 90 days from an election.

In response to a question from Commissioner Valenzano, Director Vacca explained that the City allows for eight temporary free-standing, non-commercial signs in commercial zones during election periods only. Director Vacca clarified that the subdivision sale sign is the only part be removed from the sign ordinance and being placed in the Residential Planned Development Zone ordinance.

There were no further Commission questions.

Chairman Davis opened the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

There being no public comments, Chairman Davis closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Davis called for a discussion from the Commission.

Commissioner Valenzano stated that he does have concerns that the commercial and industrial zones are limited to only the election period for the temporary signs; however, he supports the amendment since the League of California Cities' attorney and the City's attorneys have reviewed it. The Commissioners stated they are in support of the ordinance amendments.

There was no further discussion from the Commission.

In a response to a call for a resolution by Chairman Davis, Director Vacca introduced PC Resolution No. 2016-03, recommending approval to the City Council of the zoning ordinance amendment to Camarillo Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 17.04 (Sign Regulations) and Section 19.16.160 (Signs) of Chapter 19.16 (Residential Planned Development (Zone). Commissioner Hemmens MOTIONED, Commissioner SECONDED, to waive further reading and adopt. With a vote of 4 – 0 – 1, with Vice-Chairman Lusk absent, the **MOTION CARRIED**.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Vacca reported that March 1 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled. He reminded the Commissioners of the Planning Commission Academy, which will be held March 2 - 4, 2016, in San Ramon. Mr. Vacca also informed the Commissioners that two Notices of Completion have been sent out to the State Clearinghouse for two draft environmental impact reports and that the projects will be coming before the Commission either late April or early May.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

There were no Commission comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Davis adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Commission

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