

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**AGOURA HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Civic Center – Council Chambers  
30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California 91301  
**Thursday, September 5, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Asuncion.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wolf.

Present were: Chair John R. Asuncion and Commissioners Michael Justice, Murtaza Mogri, and Jeremy Wolf.

Absent was: Vice Chair Kate Anderson.

Also Present were: Planning Director Doug Hooper, Assistant City Attorney Nick Ghirelli, Planning Consultant Mike Kamino, and City Clerk/Recording Secretary Kimberly Rodrigues.

**EXCUSED ABSENCE**

ACTION: By consensus, the Planning Commission excused the absence of Vice Chair Anderson 4-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Chair Asuncion and Commissioners Justice, Mogri, and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Anderson.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

ACTION: Commissioner Mogri moved to approve the Agenda, as presented. Commissioner Wolf seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following voice vote:

AYES: Chair Asuncion and Commissioners Justice, Mogri, and Wolf.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Vice Chair Anderson.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public speakers.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### 1. Minutes – July 18, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting

**ACTION:** Commissioner Justice moved to adopt the minutes, as presented. Commissioner Mogri seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following voice vote:

**AYES:** Chair Asuncion and Commissioners Justice, Mogri, and Wolf.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Anderson.

## **NEW PUBLIC HEARING**

2. **REQUEST:** Request for the Planning Commission to adopt a Resolution relating to Zoning Ordinance Amendment Case No. ZOA-01663-2019 recommending that the City Council adopt an ordinance to amend Division 5 (Sign Regulations) of Part 2 (Special Regulations) of Chapter 6 (Regulatory Provisions) of Article IX (Zoning) of the Agoura Hills Municipal Code and to make a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**APPLICANT:** City of Agoura Hills  
30001 Ladyface Court  
Agoura Hills, CA 91301

**CASE NOS.:** ZOA-01663-2019

**LOCATION:** City-wide

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommended that the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution recommending that the City Council adopt an Ordinance revising the sign regulations, and making a determination of exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Following presentation of the staff report, Chair Asuncion opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

There being no public speakers, Chair Asuncion closed the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Mogri moved to add a sentence or paragraph in the resolution that conveys the goal of the amendments is: *“to follow the requirements by the Reed case, as well as to streamlining the ordinance.”*

Upon further discussion, Commissioner Mogri withdrew his original motion, to include the following consensus of the Planning Commission, as summarized by Assistant City Attorney Ghirelli, as follows:

*“The motion would be first, as part of the recommendation to the City Council, direct staff to include in the staff report the Planning Commission’s recommendation to consider addressing the issue of real estate signs and the period of time that real estate signs can be in place for the 120-day limit on temporary signs and how to address that, including potentially amending section 9655.10(e) to include residential zones and then, second, to adopt the resolution recommending the approval of the ordinance with a modification to the fifth recital to remove the reference to retail centers and corridors that are well designed and attractive and to clarify that the intent of the amendment to the sign ordinance is to improve the ordinance’s content neutrality consistent with the Reed vs. Town of Gilbert case and the purposes set forth in the ordinance in section 9655 and to recommend Option 2.”*

Chair Asuncion recommended the inclusion of a day limit on the time yard signs are allowed. Commissioner Mogri included Chair Asuncion’s recommendation in the motion.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Mogri moved to adopt **Resolution No. 19-1232**; A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO THE SIGN REGULATIONS (DIVISION 5 OF PART 2 OF CHAPTER 6 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE AGOURA HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE); AND MAKING A FINDING OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CASE NO. ZOA-01663-2019) (CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, APPLICANT), as amended. Commissioner Justice seconded.

The motion carried 4-0, by the following voice vote:

**AYES:** Chair Asuncion and Commissioners Justice, Mogri, and Wolf.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Anderson.

### **PLANNING COMMISSION / STAFF COMMENTS**

Commissioner Mogri, Commissioner Justice, and Chair Asuncion each thanked staff for their report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Asuncion announced the next Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission would be held at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 19, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Civic Center. The Civic Center is located at 30001 Ladyface Court, Agoura Hills, California.

**ACTION:** At 7:50 p.m., Commissioner Justice moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mogri seconded. The motion carried 4-0, by the following voice vote:

**AYES:** Chair Asuncion and Commissioners Justice, Mogri, and Wolf.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Anderson.

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MPPA, MMC  
City Clerk/Recording Secretary