

The Planning Commission of the City of Brawley, California, met in Regular Session at 5:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 383 Main Street, Brawley, California, the date, time, and place duly established for the holding of said meeting. The City Clerk attests to the posting of the agenda pursuant to G.C. 54954.

#### CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marquez at 5:31 p.m.

**Present:** Hutchinson, Marquez, Bumbara, Smith, Goyal (5:36 p.m.)

**Absent:** Reyes, Sagredo

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: The Planning Commission approves the agenda as presented. rn/s/c Bumbara/Goyal 5-0

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: The Planning Commission approves the minutes of March 5, 2014 as presented. rn/s/c Hutchinson/Goyal 5-0

#### PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Chairman Marquez called for public appearances. There were none.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Due notice having been given, now is the time to consider an application for a condition use permit (CUP14-01) to allow the construction of a wireless communications facility tower disguised as a palm tree in an C-3 (Heavy Commercial) zone.

Applicant: M&M Telecom Inc. on behalf of  
Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC dba Verizon Wireless  
15505 Sand Canyon Road  
Irvine, CA 92618

Location: 699 South Best Avenue more particularly described as the south 148.35 feet of Lot 49, Brawley Subdivision No. 1 excluding a Portion in Hwy 111, APN 047-380-025

Gordon Gaste, Planning Director gave an overview of the project.

Lisa Mecurio, M&M Telecom Inc. representative summarized the project and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Hutchinson opened the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.

Concepcion Villalobos, who owns the neighboring property directly to the west, asked if there were any safety concerns regarding the structure falling or radiation output.

Gordon R. Gaste, Planning Director stated the structure will be constructed to the current building code and the radiation output does not exceed the federal allowable.

Lisa Mecurio stated the radiation levels are only 5 percent of what is allowable by the federal law. There were no comments or questions regarding the tower.

Franciso Soto, Building Official, noted that the structure on the adjacent property did not meet code and was condemned.

A side conversation ensued between Mr. Soto and Ms. regarding the abandoned structure. Chairman Marquez asked Ms. to set up a time with Mr. Soto to resolve any issues with the property and that the conversation was not related to the CUP project.

Mr. Marquez closed the public hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Motion: The Planning Commission makes findings consistent with the Planning Commission Staff Report and approves the conditional use permit (CUP14-01) allowing the construction of a wireless communication tower disguised as a palm tree subject to compliance with the conditions of approval.

#### ZONING CODE ENFORCEMENT

Francisco Soto, Building Official, from the Community Development Services Department had nothing to report.

Commissioner Bumbera inquire about the banner signs which have returned to the apartment complex on the southeast corner of North Las Flores Drive and West D Street. Mr. Gaste and Mr. Soto stated they have had previous meetings with the property manager of this property and other properties in Brawley regarding the restrictions on banner signs. Mr. Soto said he would verify compliance with the ordinance for the subject property.

Mr. Hutchinson asked about signs for garage sales on utility poles and street signs. Mr. Gaste stated that such signs were prohibited anywhere on the right-of-way. Mr. Soto said that his inspectors would remove such signs if encountered.

Mr. Bumbera asked for a refresher on the limits of size and time for political signs. Mr. Soto and Mr. Gaste provided him with the information.

Mr. Marquez and Mr. Bumbera inquired about the new street sweeping schedule since Republic Services began contracting the service for the City. Rosanna Bayon Moore, City Manager, said she would provide them both with a schedule after the meeting.

Mr. Bumbera inquired about the progress of the Von's Fueling Station. Mr. Soto advised him that he is awaiting corrections on building plan submittals.

Mr. Goyal inquired about the street rehabilitation process that has been taking place recently.

Ms. Bayon Moore explained the process for which streets were chosen, the basic rehabilitation process and the timeline for completion.

Ms. Bayon Moore made an announcement of the scheduled General Fund Budget Workshop to take place on April 8 at 5:00 PM at the council chambers and invited the commissioners to attend if they wished.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

The Commission voted to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 7, 2014.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion: The meeting of the Planning Commission adjourns at 6:14 p.m. m/s/c Smiths/Bumbera 5-0