

The Planning Commission of the City of Brawley, California, met in Regular Session at 5:00 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 5:30 p.m.

Present: Hutchinson, Marquez, Sagredo, Reyes, Smith (5:32 p.m.), Goyal (5:33 p.m.)

Absent: Bumbera

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: The Planning Commission approves the agenda as presented. rn/s/c

Sagredo/Hutchinson 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: The Planning Commission approves the minutes of November 6, 2013 as presented.

rn/s/c Segredo/Hutchinson 4-0

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 (CUP13-05) to allow the construction of a wireless communications facility tower disguised as a palm tree in an M-1 (Light Manufacturing) zone.

Applicant: DePratti, Incorporated for
AT&T Mobility
1264 Basswood Ave
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Location: 830 K Street more particularly described as Lots 13, 14 and 15, Pellet Tract,
City of Brawley, County of Imperial, State of California, APN 049-182-025

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

Tim Henson, AT&T Representative summarized the project and offered to answer any questions.

Mr. Marquez open the public hearing at 5:40 p.m.

There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Marquez closed the public hearing at 5:41 p.m.

Motion: The Planning Commission makes findings consistent with the Planning Commission Staff Report and approves the conditional use permit (CUP13-05) 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 Goyal inquired how to trim trees that are obstructing stop signs. Mr. Soto advised to call the Community Development Services or Public Works Department to report

the problem.

Commissioner Goyal inquired about having the City develop a standard list of vendors who perform annual backflow preventer inspections. Mr. Soto said he would bring the matter to Public Works for review. He pointed out that the only requirement for the city is to the public water system. On private property, the property owner is required to be in compliance with Building and Fire Codes to meet their annual certification.

Commission Goyal inquired about how the City enforces water conservation measures. Mr. Soto and Mr. Gaste replied that the City has adopted a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance that applies to all new project, however, there is no authority to force a change in existing properties unless they seek new permits. Mr. Soto also informed the commission that the new California Building Code requires that all fixtures in a structure be upgraded to current water conservation thresholds when a building permit for an addition or alteration to the plumbing is submitted.

Commissioner Smith inquired about the status of the Graffiti Abatement program. Mr. Soto advised that the program is still active and that the new Police Chief, Mike Crankshaw, is once again placing higher priority on the program to paint over graffiti as soon as possible after it is reported.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The Commission voted to adjourn to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 5, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: The meeting of the Planning Commission adjourns at 6:10 p.m. m/s/c Reyes/Segredo 6-0