

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY**

**REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM
April 11, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

This Regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Moreno Valley was called to order at 7:04 p.m., by Ashley Aparicio, Planning Commission Secretary in the Council Chambers located at 14177 Frederick Street, Moreno Valley, California.

ROLL CALL

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| Planning Commission: | Patricia Korzec | Vice Chairperson | Excused |
| | Robert Harris | Commissioner | Present |
| | JoAnn Stephan | Commissioner | Present |
| | Rafael Brugueras | Commissioner | Present |
| | Jeffrey Sims | Commissioner | Excused |
| | Ray L. Baker | Commissioner | Present |
| | Alvin DeJohnette | Commissioner | Present |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Brugueras.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Vote: 5-2
Ayes: Commissioner Baker, Harris, DeJohnette, Brugueras, and Stephan
Excused: Vice-Chair Korzec and Commissioner Sims
Action: **Approved**

STAFF PRESENT

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| Paul Early | City Attorney |
| Patty Nevins | Planning Official |
| Sean Kelleher | Senior Planner |
| Chris Ormsby | Senior Planner |
| Doug Bloom | Assistant Fire Marshal |
| Ashley Aparicio | Planning Commission Secretary |

SELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

1. Accept Nominations for and elect a new Chairperson

Nomination made by Commissioner Brugueras and seconded by Commissioner Harris to nominate Jeffrey Sims to serve as Chairperson to the Planning Commission.

Vote: 5-2
Ayes: Commissioner Brugueras, Harris, DeJohnette, Stephan and Baker
Excused: Vice Chairperson Korzec and Commissioner Sims
Action: **Approved**

2. Accept Nominations for and elect a new Vice Chairperson

Nomination made by Commissioner Stephan and seconded by Commissioner DeJohnette to nominate Ray Baker to serve as Vice Chairperson to the Planning Commission.

Vote: 5-2
Ayes: Commissioner Stephan, DeJohnette, Brugueras, Harris, and Baker
Excused: Vice Chairperson Korzec and Commissioner Sims
Action: **Approved**

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Planning Commission – Special Meeting – March 28, 2019 6:00 PM
2. Planning Commission – Regular Meeting – March 28, 2019 7:00 PM

Motion to approve the minutes of March 28, 2019 for the Planning Commission Study Session and Regular meeting was made by Commissioner DeJohnette and Seconded by Commissioner Harris.

Vote: 5-2
Ayes: Commissioner DeJohnette, Harris, Baker, Brugueras, and Stephan
Excused: Vice-Chair Korzec and Commissioner Sims
Action: **Approved**

PUBLIC COMMENTS PROCEDURE

None

NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

No items for discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

1. Conditional Use Permit for a Retail Cannabis Dispensary Located in an Existing Building at 24068, 24070 and 24072 Postal Avenue (Report of: Planning Commission)
 - A. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission APPROVE Resolution No. 2019-23, and thereby:
 1. CERTIFY that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1) Existing Facilities; and
 2. APPROVE PEN18-0216 Conditional Use Permit subject to the attached Conditions of Approval included as Exhibit A.

Public Hearing Opened: 7:42 p.m.

Joaquin Loustaunau opposes the item.

Osbaldo Z. Haros opposes the item.

Troy Shedeed opposes the item.

Chad Crandall opposes the item.

Joseph Chiteiy opposes the item.

Sindy Lemus opposes the item.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:58 p.m.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-23 was made by Commissioner DeJohnette and seconded by Commissioner Stephan.

Vote: 5-2
Ayes: Commissioner DeJohnette, Stephan, Harris, Baker and Brugueras
Excused: Vice-Chair Korzec and Commissioner Sims
Action: Approved

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

No items for discussion.

STAFF COMMENTS

Paul Early, City Attorney stated at the last Planning Commission meeting there was a question as to how the City has been dealing with the unlicensed illegal dispensaries in the City and at that time he couldn't share much but he can share information tonight.

Mr. Early stated that the City has been dealing with how to swiftly shutdown and remove unlicensed and illegal operators within the City. The City has instituted a new program

that just started this week and it has proven effective and quick as on Tuesday the program started and by Thursday the City had shutdown operators and all items within the premises were impounded. This was a collaborative effort with Building and Safety, Fire, Code Enforcement, City Attorney's office and the Riverside County Sheriff and with this being very effective and aggressive the City expects to see more of this in the future.

Patty Nevins, Planning Official, congratulated and welcomed new Commissioner Rafael Brugueras.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Brugueras stated that he hopes residents had the chance to listen to the City Attorney tonight. The City is becoming aggressive and taking down the illegal cannabis activity that does not care about families. They bring bad elements to the neighborhood and are the ones that hurt people the most. By having, legal cannabis activities, residents will see they are controlled better with security, surveillance cameras and everything that has not been seen previously. Commissioner Brugueras expressed respect for those in attendance, and conveyed his understanding, adding that this is a better situation and his hope that there will be many more in the future as this is the only way to beat the illegal facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Vice Chairperson Baker adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Ashley Aparicio
Planning Commission Secretary

Ray Baker
Vice Chairperson