

1 **CITY OF MORENO VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**
3 **CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER – 14177 FREDERICK STREET**
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5 **Thursday, June 23rd, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

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8 **CALL TO ORDER**
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10 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I would like to call the
11 Regular-Scheduled Meeting of the Planning Commission to order. Today is
12 Thursday, June 23rd, 2016. The time is 7:05 PM. Could we have rollcall please?
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15 **ROLL CALL**
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17 Commissioners Present:

18 Commissioner Korzec
19 Commissioner Van Natta
20 Commissioner Baker
21 Commissioner Barnes
22 Vice Chair Sims
23 Chair Lowell
24 Alternate Commissioner Nickel
25 Alternate Commissioner Gonzalez
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27 Staff Present:

28 Rick Sandzimier, Planning Official
29 Paul Early, Assistant City Attorney
30 Erica Tadeo, Administrative Assistant
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33 **CHAIR LOWELL** – I am also here.

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35 **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ERICA TADEO**– And then we have sitting in
36 for Commissioner Ramirez, who is excused absent, Commissioner Nickel.
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38 **CHAIR LOWELL** – And Erlan Gonzalez is also here.
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40 **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ERICA TADEO**– And Commissioner Gonzalez.
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43 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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1 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Thank you very much. Commissioner Korzec, could you
2 lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance please?
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5 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
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7 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Thank you very much. Could we have a motion to approve
8 tonight’s Agenda?
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10 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – I so approve. I so move.
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12 **COMMISSIONER BAKER** – I’ll second.
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14 **CHAIR LOWELL** – We have a motion by Commissioner Van Natta. We have a
15 second by Commissioner Baker. All in favor, say aye.
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17 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Aye.
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19 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – Aye.
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21 **COMMISSIONER BAKER** – Aye.
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23 **COMMISSIONER BARNES** – Aye.
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25 **ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER NICKEL** – Aye.
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27 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Aye.
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29 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – Aye.
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31 **CHAIR LOWELL** – All opposed, say nay.
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34 Opposed – 0
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37 **Motion carries 7 – 0**
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40 **CHAIR LOWELL** – The motion passes 7-0. Tonight’s Agenda is approved. We
41 have a Consent Calendar.
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45 **CONSENT CALENDAR**
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1 *All matters listed under Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and all*
2 *will be enacted by one rollcall vote. There will be no discussion of these items*
3 *unless Members of the Planning Commission request specific items be removed*
4 *from the Consent Calendar for separate action.*

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7 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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9 Planning Commission - Regular Meeting - May 26th, 2016 at 7:00 PM

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11 Approve as submitted.

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14 **CHAIR LOWELL** – I do not believe we have any Consent Calendar items
15 tonight, so that moves us onto the approval of the Minutes from the Planning
16 Commission Regular Meeting of May 26th, 2016 at 7:00. I do believe we have
17 somebody that wanted to have a question about the Minutes.

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19 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Yes, while I think they are very much improved
20 from the last time, there are just two things. One is very minor. On page 12, line
21 31, there is an extra E on the end of Tom Jerele’s names. It’s not Tome Jerele,
22 it’s Tom. It’s spelled correctly in the rest.

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24 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Which page 12, packet 12 or minute 12?

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26 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Packet page 12.

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28 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Ah, there we go.

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30 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Line 31.

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32 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – I noticed they did learn how to spell aye and
33 nay though.

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35 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – They did. They are much improved.

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37 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Actually, according to Tom Jerele’s own email, Jerele is
38 correct.

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40 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – No. It’s Tom.

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42 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Oh, Tom. Sorry.

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44 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – Not Tome.

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46 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Not Tome or Tommy or, you know.....

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CHAIR LOWELL – Little accents.

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – But probably the most important is on packet page 7, lines 18, 27, 32 and 37. Those comments are attributed to myself, and I don't know anything about Sage College or any of this discussion. I believe that came from someone else on the Planning Commission, but it is attributed to me for some reason. Meli, was that you?

COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA – No. I didn't say anything about Sage College.

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Who brought up the discussion about Jeffrey? Was it you, Lori?

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER NICKEL – Which line?

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Right here.

ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER NICKEL – Oh, yeah, that was me.

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Okay, so then lines 18, 27, 32 and 37 would be attributed to Lori, and that's it for me.

CHAIR LOWELL – Perfect. Any other questions or corrections before I move for motion to approve? No? Awesome.

PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER – When you make your motion to approve, if you just make the motion with the amendments noted, and then we'll have those corrected.

CHAIR LOWELL – Perfect. I would like to make a motion to approve the Minutes for Planning Commission Regular Meeting on May 26th, 2016, as amended.

COMMISSIONER BAKER – I second.

CHAIR LOWELL – All in favor, say aye.

COMMISSIONER KORZEC – Aye.

COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA – Aye.

COMMISSIONER BAKER – Aye.

COMMISSIONER BARNES – Aye.

1 **ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER NICKEL** – Aye.

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3 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Aye.

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5 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – Aye.

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7 **CHAIR LOWELL** – All opposed, say nay.

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10 Opposed – 0

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13 **Motion carries 7 – 0**

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16 **CHAIR LOWELL** – The motion passes 7-0. The Minutes are approved, and that
17 moves us onto election of officers, which I believe Staff has a quick statement.

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19 **PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER** – I do, and I apologize that we did
20 have to have the meeting this evening for this item. But the item before you is a
21 selection of the chairman and the vice chairman for the coming year. This is an
22 item that your rules and procedures indicate should be taken care of in April. It
23 was inadvertently missed, and we were unable to get it onto the May Agenda so
24 we wanted to make sure we got it here on the June Agenda. The selection of the
25 chairman and the vice chairman, as stated in your rules and procedures, it does
26 indicate that alternate commissioners are not eligible to sit in either of those, so I
27 just wanted to make sure that that's clear. The rules also indicate that, if a chair
28 and a vice chair are nominated to continue to serve, they are limited to two
29 consecutive years so the current chairman and the current vice chair are eligible
30 still to serve one additional year if that was one of your choices. And, this
31 evening, this selection we would be recommending that we do by a voice vote.
32 The order in doing the selection is first you take nominations for the chairman.
33 Chairman Lowell would be asked to take in the nominations. You can have
34 multiple nominations. If you do have multiple nominations, the process would
35 first start with the confirmation of the nominee to see if they are in agreement and
36 willing to take on the position. If they are, we would go to the next nominee and
37 ask them the same, so that when you do vote on them that you do have an
38 understanding that the nominees themselves are willing to be in those positions.
39 You would start with the first nominee. You would go through a vote. If a
40 majority vote is achieved on one nominee, you don't have to go to the next. You
41 would basically end at that point. The new chairman becomes immediate, so you
42 would basically pass the gavel to the new chairman and the new chair will be
43 asked to go ahead and do the nominees or select the nominations for the vice
44 chair and then you would follow that same process. So, with that, we're here to
45 answer any questions you might have before you start the process. Otherwise, I
46 will turn it over to the chairman to go ahead and start the process.

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2 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Thank you. Now I do have a question because Mr. Rafael
3 Brugueras submitted a Speaker Slip. Is it time to take the Speaker Slip now or
4 should we move to Public Comments?
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6 **PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER** – Actually, there is no.....this is not
7 a Public Hearing so you can take the comments before you go through the
8 nominees. I should've also identified that we did receive an email earlier today
9 from Mr. Jerele, Tom Jerele. Tom Jerele's email printout was provided on your
10 dais so that was another comment that he wanted to enter into the record. It
11 speaks for itself, if you read that, if you have any questions. But I would
12 encourage you to take the Public Comment first and then go on with the
13 business.
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15 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Perfect. Thank you. Mr. Rafael Brugueras, if you'd like to
16 speak.
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19 **PUBLIC COMMENTS PROCEDURE**

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21 *Any person wishing to address the Commission on any matter, either under*
22 *Public Comments section of the Agenda or scheduled items or public hearings,*
23 *must fill out a "Request to Speak" form available at the door. The completed*
24 *form must be submitted to the Secretary prior to the Agenda item being called by*
25 *the Chairperson. In speaking to the Commission, member of the public may be*
26 *limited to three minutes per person, except for the applicant for entitlement. The*
27 *Commission may establish an overall time limit for comments on a particular*
28 *Agenda item. Members of the public must direct their questions to the*
29 *Chairperson of the Commission and not to other members of the Commission,*
30 *the applicant, the Staff, or the audience. Additionally, there is an ADA note.*
31 *Upon request, this Agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative*
32 *formats to persons with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with*
33 *Disabilities Act of 1990. Any person with a disability who requires a modification*
34 *or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting should direct their request*
35 *to Guy Pagan, our ADA Coordinator, at (951) 413-3120 at least 48 hours prior to*
36 *the meeting. The 48-hour notification will enable the City to make reasonable*
37 *arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.*
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40 **SPEAKER RAFAEL BRUGUERAS** – Good evening Commissioners, Staff and
41 resident Tom who just made it on time. I was running a little behind because I
42 didn't know if I was going to make it or not. I didn't shave. I didn't have time to
43 do anything. So I was running behind, and I was running behind one of the
44 Commissioners. I was just chasing him. I didn't know he was.....he was just
45 making a right turn with me so he thought I was stalking him. But, anyways, he
46 came before me and I came behind him. And I had in me gladness because the

1 room was not empty. There are responsible Commissioners that come here
2 every month to do the business of the City, and when you decide to put someone
3 in the chair of the chairman or the vice chair, you're going to put somebody that's
4 responsible to this City that comes every month to do the business and do it
5 fairly. And numbers can be fixed and lines can be straightened out. You know,
6 we don't have to stop a project because the line went a little way. We can
7 always fix it and continue with the project, and that's what you have done here
8 since I've been coming. I know there are others that would like to stop
9 everything and nothing gets done for the City, but you have shown courage to do
10 things the right way. But I also am glad to see Ms. Nickels and Mr.
11 Garcia...Gonzalez here every month also to take the place of those that cannot
12 make it that night. That's very important also. So whoever you decide to put
13 there, I know that the City will be safe for another two years. And wherever you
14 go in your career, because you know this chamber has been having trouble this
15 month with one of the Councilmember's that revealed themselves and her
16 naughty, naughty things to other Commissioners, other Councilmembers. You
17 know, this woman has been through a lot, but it makes it good to come in here
18 tonight and see something different, something new, and something that's been
19 going on to the City in this upright righteous way. That's what I'm trying to say.
20 You guys been good. I know you can say no to some projects, and I understand
21 that because we like to see the City be beautified not made out of cement,
22 concrete, you know, things like that. But if we drive down the 91 Freeway
23 heading west, look at what they did with our money. They took concrete and
24 made designs out of it. It looks pretty when you go west on the 91. We can do
25 that with some of the buildings that we built. We can make them a little different,
26 a little prettier, add windows to them. But we'd rather have jobs, and that's what
27 you have done. And I thank you very much, and whoever you put, I know it will
28 be good for the City.

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30 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Thank you, Sir. I see you walked in Tom. Would you like to
31 also speak?

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33 **SPEAKER TOM JERELE** – Tom Jerele again speaking on behalf of myself and
34 somewhat for the Sundance Center where I spent a bit of time in the old part of
35 town there but chairman, vice chair, Commissioners, Members of the Staff, and
36 all the public (all two of us), but first of all I would like to say ditto to what Mr.
37 Brugueras had to say. He summed that up very well. I sent an email, and it
38 speaks for itself. But I did want it to come up on the dais just incase we couldn't
39 make it. But I was able to get here and because there is something that I didn't
40 embody in the email. What I really like, well I'm a big believer in continuity of
41 government. I think it's very, very important. Candidly, I think this is a very well
42 functioning body, and I'm glad Mr. Brugueras acknowledged the alternates. I
43 think that was a great initiative, and it's working very well. It's being evidenced
44 tonight so, and I've seen them both be seated from time to time and so it's really
45 good. It's good government. But the thing I like most of all is treatment of the
46 public both.....some of them are a little rambunctious. Some of them aren't the

1 most polite. Some aren't the most well spoken and perhaps knowledgeable in
2 what they are speaking about, but there's been a great decorum and hospitality
3 and just nice treatment of people. And that, to me, goes a long way because I'll
4 tell you, you know, I'm used to doing this. I've been doing it. I've always had the
5 ability to get up and give it to people. I've never been innately shy, but a lot of
6 people are. And so when they come and address any body, I mean, it can shake
7 them up and their knees are knocking. So I like that treatment being provided to
8 the public, and I just wanted to thank you as a group. The decision is yours. You
9 know, I don't even know if the chair is endorsing to maintain the status quo. I
10 think the direction of the Commission has been very good, and like I said it's
11 been well done. But it's up to you, and whatever you choose, you've got a good
12 body of Commissioners up there. So I thank you and I appreciate you letting me
13 speak.

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15 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Thanks Mr. Jerele. With that, I'd like to open it up and
16 accept nominations for the chair position.

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19 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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21 1. Chairman.

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23 2. Vice-Chairman.

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26 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – I would nominate Brian Lowell to continue another year at
27 the Chair.

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29 **CHAIR LOWELL** – I appreciate it. I'll accept the nomination. Any other
30 seconds on that or any other nominations?

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32 **COMMISSIONER BARNES** – It requires a second, right?

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34 **PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER** – It actually does not.

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36 **COMMISSIONER BARNES** – Oh, it does not? Okay.

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38 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Nominations?

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40 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – I'd like to put a nomination in and a comment.
41 I think you guys have done a great job but it's also good to bring other people
42 into the mix too. And so I would like to nominate Mr. Sims as Chair and Mr.
43 Barnes as Vice-Chair.

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45 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Okay. Any other nominations? Okay so let's vote on....

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1 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – Can we say something first?
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3 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Sure.
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5 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – I appreciate the thought, but I would prefer not to be Chair
6 or Vice-Chair going forward. I have to have some surgery, and my health has
7 been a little sketchy, so I'm going to be having to miss two to three meetings
8 starting next month. And so I appreciate the nod, but I would prefer to recuse
9 myself from that.
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11 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – In that case, I would like to nominate
12 Commissioner Korzec for Vice Chair. Get your feet wet and start learning what
13 to do.
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15 **CHAIR LOWELL** – We'll approach Vice-Chair when we get there.
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17 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Yeah, let's just do Chair first.
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19 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Let's just do Chair first.
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21 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – Okay. I didn't know if you were doing it on
22 both at the same time.
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24 **CHAIR LOWELL** – We'll just do one.
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26 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – Okay.
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28 **CHAIR LOWELL** – So we just have me since Sims declines. Any other
29 nominations for Chair? Okay, all in favor for nominating me for Chair, say aye.
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31 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Aye.
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33 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – Aye.
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35 **COMMISSIONER BAKER** – Aye.
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37 **COMMISSIONER BARNES** – Aye.
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39 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Aye.
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41 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – Aye.
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43 **CHAIR LOWELL** – All opposed, say nay.
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46 Opposed – 0

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3 **Motion carries 6 – 0**
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6 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Okay. It passes 6-0 because Ms. Nickel is not entitled to
7 vote on it. Perfect so that makes me the Chair again for another year until April.
8 Awesome. And we now move onto the Vice-Chair. Any nominations for Vice-
9 Chair?

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11 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – I'd like to nominate Jeffrey Barnes for Vice-
12 Chair.

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14 **CHAIR LOWELL** – So we have one nomination for Mr. Barnes.

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16 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – Does that mean you're turning down the
17 nomination for Vice-Chair?

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19 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Yes I am this year.

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21 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – I would second that motion as well.

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23 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Any other nominations.

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25 **COMMISSIONER BARNES** – Well I won't decline to serve if elected, so thank
26 you.

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28 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – I would just like to note that I would like to keep, it's the
29 spirit of keeping the engineering type in the Vice-Chair position.

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31 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – That was actually what I was trying to avoid.

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33 **COMMISSIONER BARNES** – Jeff, you've tarnished my campaign, and I've just
34 started.

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36 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Okay. So, if there are no other nominations, all in favor of
37 nominating Mr. Barnes to be Vice-Chair say aye.

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39 **COMMISSIONER KORZEC** – Aye.

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41 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – Aye.

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43 **COMMISSIONER BAKER** – Aye.

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45 **COMMISSIONER BARNES** – Aye.
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1 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Aye.

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3 **VICE CHAIR SIMS** – Aye.

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5 **CHAIR LOWELL** – All opposed, say nay. The motion passes 6-0 with Ms.
6 Nickels abstaining. So, congratulations, Mr. Vice-Chair. Let's switch seats.

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9 Opposed – 0

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12 **Motion carries 6 – 0**

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15 **VICE CHAIR BARNES** – Thank you Chairman Lowell.

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17 **COMMISSIONER SIMS** – Now you're in.

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19 **VICE CHAIR BARNES** – No good deed goes unpunished.

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21 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Yeah we'll switch them. Well it's still Jeff and Jeff so it's.....

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23 **VICE CHAIR BARNES** – Yeah, yeah.

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25 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Okay so that moves us on to any other questions for Staff
26 before we move to adjournment? No? Okay, with that said, our next Planning
27 Commission Meeting is a regular meeting on July 28th, 2016, at 7:00 PM. I'd like
28 to adjourn to that meeting.

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30 **PLANNING OFFICIAL RICK SANDZIMIER** – If I may, just as you are
31 adjourning, right now we do not have any Agenda items for that meeting. But we
32 are looking at the projects and hopefully we'll have at least one. If we don't, I'm
33 also considering a presentation just on planning activity and then the other thing
34 that we would like to do is it's our understanding that Commissioner Van Natta
35 will be leaving us in August and that may be her last meeting, and we do have a
36 small recognition that we'd like to make at that meeting. And I'd like the public to
37 hear that incase we'd like to have some people attend for that purpose. So we
38 look forward to seeing you guys next month and that's it.

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40 **COMMISSIONER SIMS** – What date is that meeting?

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42 **CHAIR LOWELL** – July 28th.

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44 **COMMISSIONER SIMS** – Oh, I definitely am excusing myself from the meeting.
45 I will not be here.

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1 **CHAIR LOWELL** – I believe it’s a Thursday.

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3 **COMMISSIONER SIMS** – I understand. I’m having a procedure done on the
4 26th. I’ll be out of commission.

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6 **COMMISSIONER VAN NATTA** – Out of commission. The commissioner will be
7 out of commission. That’s good.

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9 **COMMISSIONER SIMS** – The commissioner will be out of commission.

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12 **ADJOURNMENT**

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14 **CHAIR LOWELL** – Perfect. Then I’d like to adjourn to July 28th, 2016, at 7:00
15 PM. Thank you very much. Have a great night.

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18 **NEXT MEETING**

19 *Next Meeting: Planning Commission Regular Meeting, July 28th, 2016 at 7:00*
20 *PM, City of Moreno Valley, City Hall Council Chamber, 14177 Frederick Street,*
21 *Moreno Valley, CA 92553.*

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