

Mt. Shasta City Council Regular Planning Commission Meeting Approved Minutes

Mt. Shasta Community Center, 629 Alder Street
Tuesday, August 16, 2016; 6:00 p.m.

“Our mission is to maintain the character of our “small town” community while striking an appropriate balance between economic development and preservation of our quality of life. We help create a dynamic and vital City by providing quality, cost-effective municipal services and by forming partnerships with residents and organizations in the constant pursuit of excellence.”

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Call to Order and Flag Salute:** At the hour of 6:00 p.m. Chair Higuera called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Roll Call:**
Commissioners Present: Commissioner Beck, Findling, Clure, Wagner, and Chair Higuera
Commissioners Excused: Commissioner Acord
Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Pardee
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 Planning Commission General Meeting Minutes
Moved to Approve – 1st Commissioner Wagner, 2nd – Commissioner Clure
AYE: Commissioners Beck, Clure, Wagner, and Chair Higuera
NO:
ABSTAIN: Commissioner Findling
- 4. Special Presentation:**
 - a. Alternative Energy in Mt. Shasta**
City Staff: Presentation on current alternative energy trends in the State of California and the current goals of the City of Mt. Shasta
- 5. Public Comment:**
Robert Kehr: Concern over the Animal Hospital fencing, dumpster orientation, and driveway conditions.
- 6. Consent Agenda:** N/A
- 7. Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 18.96 “Medical Marijuana Dispensaries”**
City Staff: Presentation of amendments to the Chapter 18.96 and the staff recommendations in Planning Agenda Packet Tuesday, August 16, 2016
Commissioner Wagner: Discussion on buffer distances and business ability to apply for a dispensary permit
Commissioner Findling: Discussion on the meaning “Public facility” and amending wording to Public zoning
Commissioner Beck: Discussion on on-site cultivation in relation to the ability for dispensaries to do business. Also, discussion on removing the patient records requirement since the County does not offer a registration program.
City Staff: Discussion on City’s ability to enter dispensaries and audit financial records and sales
Commissioner Findling: Discussion on types of information that can be requested.
Commissioner Wagner: Discussion on ‘grandfathering’ process and existing permit locations.
Chair Higuera: Discussion on buffer distances favoring 250 foot buffer.
Commissioner Clure: Discussion on buffers at one uniform buffer.
Planning Commission: General consensus to create a buffer requirement of 250 buffer from all schools and parcels zoned “Public” under the City of Mt. Shasta Municipal Code.

Public Hearing:

Gina Munday: In favor for 500 foot buffer, but agrees that a buffer too large would not be good for business locations. Supports opening up more parcels for dispensary locations.

Action Taken: Consensus approval the first reading of the amendments to ordinance 18.96

8. Open Discussion: Alternative Energy Options for Mt. Shasta

City Staff: Discussion of Alternative Energy options

Commissioner Wagner: Discussion of current city and state incentives to finance alternative energy

Commissioner Findling: Discussion on how energy and affordable housing intersect. The City should be a source of promoting the energy initiatives.

Chair Higuera: Discussion on recycling program under the Energy section of the General Plan.

Action Taken: Recommend in the short-term to support marketing current programs, and in the long-term create an Energy Element for The City of Mt. Shasta General Plan.

AYE: Commissioner Clure, Commissioner Findling, Commissioner Wagner, and Chair Higuera

NO

ABSENT: Commissioner Acord and Commissioner Beck

City Staff will update on Recycling Programs at next meeting.

9. Commission and Staff Comments:

City Staff: Update on Noise Element Work Program

Commissioner Wagner: Discussion on trash in the creek near Rite Aid

Commissioner Findling: Discussion on Used Car Sales

10. Future Agenda Items – Future items are topics brought to the Planning Commission

from a public petition, city staff, Planning Commission member(s), and City Council for review and action. All dates refer to first introductions to the Planning Commission and can be altered due to time and priority level.

a. Rezoning Application – 9/20/2016

b. ~~Noise Ordinance – 10/18/2016~~ Continue at a later date after Noise Element Update

c. Smoking Limitations – ~~11/22/2016~~ 10/18/2016

d. Sign Ordinance – ~~11/22/2016~~ 10/18/2016

e. Lighting Ordinance – 12/20/2016

f. Broadband Plan – 12/20/2016

11. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Juliana Lucchesi, City Planner