



CITY OF BUELLTON

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

**Regular Meeting of September 6, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
140 West Highway 246, Buellton, California**

Materials related to an item on this agenda, as well as materials submitted to the Planning Commission after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the office of the Planning Department located at 331 Park Street, during normal business hours.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fussel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission Vice Chair Mercado

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Craig Adams, Foster Reif, Gerald Witcher, Vice Chair Art Mercado and Chair Jason Fussel

REORDERING OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of August 16, 2012**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the audience wishing to address the Planning Commission on matters not on the agenda may do so at this time. No action will be taken on these items at this meeting. Please state your name and address for the record. Comments should normally be limited to three minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Highway 246 Safety Improvement Project

❖ *This item pertains to proposed safety improvements and will be information and discussion on the project status and scope/limits of work. (Staff Contact, Rose Hess)*

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

To the next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting of Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 140 West Highway 246.

* Please note that the date of any Planning Commission decision starts an appeal period. During the appeal period either the applicant or any aggrieved party may appeal the application of a perceived onerous or unreasonable condition or the decision itself to the City Council as governed by the applicable section of the Buellton Municipal Code.

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PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 16, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246
Buellton, California

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fussel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Witcher led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Foster Reif, Gerald Witcher, Vice Chair Art Mercado and Chair Jason Fussel

Absent: Commissioner Craig Adams

Staff: Planning Director Marc Bierdzinski
Staff Assistant/Planning Technician Clare Barcelona

REORDERING OF AGENDA

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the regular Planning Commission meeting of July 19, 2012

MOTION:

Vice Chair Mercado moved and Commissioner Reif seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of July 19, 2012.

VOTE:

Motion passed by a 3-0 voice vote with abstention by Chair Fussel due to his absence from the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. **Resolution No. 12-03 – “A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a Sign Ordinance Exemption (12-EXP-02) for a Pole Sign at Jack in the Box which is on a 0.58 Acre Site Located at 250 East Highway 246 (APN 137-200-084), and Making Findings in Support Thereof**

STAFF REPORT:

Planning Director Bierdzinski presented the Staff Report.

DOCUMENTS:

Staff Report with attachments (Vicinity Map, Business Case, Sign Plans, Municipal Code Section 19.04.172.B.1.c, Community Design Guidelines Excerpt)
Resolution No. 12-03

DISCUSSION/SPEAKERS:

Commissioner Reif asked staff if the sign ordinance relating to pole signs has been changed since the City was incorporated in 1992. Mr. Bierdzinski stated that the pole sign section has not changed, but other amendments have been made.

Chair Fussel opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m.

Pon Bhatia, Applicant, asked the Commission to consider his request for a pole sign and stated that Jack-in-the-Box is losing business because the current signage is not visible from a distance. He feels that he will be better able to compete with the other businesses in the area and increase sales with the new sign.

Roy Flahive, CNP Signs and Graphics, addressed the Commission and asked that they consider the Applicant's request.

Chair Fussel closed the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

The Commission discussed the height of the proposed sign and asked the Applicant to provide future updates on sales.

MOTION:

Vice Chair Mercado moved and Commissioner Witcher seconded the motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-03 - "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Buellton, California, Approving a Sign Ordinance Exemption (12-EXP-02) for a Pole Sign at Jack in the Box which is on a 0.58 Acre Site Located at 250 East Highway 246 (APN 137-200-084), and Making Findings in Support Thereof

VOTE:

Motion passed by a 3-1 roll call vote with Commissioner Reif voting no.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Bierdzinski updated the Commission on upcoming events and recent City Council actions.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fussel adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission to be held September 6, 2012 at the City Council Chambers, 140 West Highway 246, Buellton, CA.

Jason Fussel, Planning Commission Chairman

ATTEST:

Clare Barcelona, Planning Commission Secretary

An audio CD of this Planning Commission Meeting is available upon request