OFFICIAL MINUTES
MONTEREY PARK PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
February 23, 2016

The Planning Commission of the City of Monterey Park held a Regular Meeting of the Board in the Council Chambers, located at 320 West Newmark Avenue in the City of Monterey Park, Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Choi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Planner Tewasart called the roll:

Commissioners Present: Ricky Choi, Margaret Leung and Lincoln Lee

Commissioners Absent: Rodrigo Garcia and Larry Sullivan

ALSO PRESENT: Karl H. Berger, Assistant City Attorney, Michael A. Huntley, Director of Community and Economic Development, Samantha Tewasart, Senior Planner

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

AGENDA CHANGES AND ADOPTION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS (PUBLIC HEARING):

3-A. CODE AMENDMENT AMENDING MONTERE PARK MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 21.04 AND 21.24 REGARDING REGULATION OF SIGNS (CA-15-04)

Assistant City Attorney Berger provided a brief summary of the project.

Commissioner Lee inquired about § 21.24.510 and whether three campaign signs are allowed in the front yard or one.

Attorney Berger replied that two temporary signs are allowed at any time. The City cannot control the content of those signs. Three campaigns are allowed.

Commissioner Choi inquired about the types of restrictions that can be placed on signs.

Attorney Berger replied that the City can enforce objective standards, for example, the size of signs, number, placement of the sign on the property, all the items that does not require an enforcement officer to read the sign. There are limited exceptions to the rule, for example, cities can control signs on public property, such as directional signs.

Commissioner Lee inquired about the number of signs allowed at a street intersection.

Attorney Berger replied that there is a state law with regards to real estate signs that allows them to be within the public right-of-way.

Commissioner Leung inquired if the number of signs allowed at an intersection is per company or individual.

Attorney Berger replied that it does not matter the limit is one sign per intersection.

Action Taken: The Planning Commission after considering the evidence presented during the public hearing **recommending** that the City Council adopt an ordinance amending Monterey Park Municipal Code (MPMC) Chapters 21.04 and 21.24.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Leung, motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes:	Commissioners: Choi, Leung, and Lee
Noes:	Commissioners: None
Absent:	Commissioners: Garcia and Sullivan
Abstain:	Commissioners: None

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS:

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AS DIRECTED BY THE COMMISSION:

None

STAFF UPDATES:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business for consideration, the meeting was adjourned on February 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting on March 8, 2016 at 7:14 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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Michael A. Huntley
Director of Community and Economic Development

Approved on at the regular Planning Commission meeting.