



Regular Meeting Agenda
Planning Commission

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Tuesday, October 24, 2017 7:00 PM

Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public are entitled to address the Planning Commission concerning any item within the Morgan Hill Planning Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Planning Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **ZONING CODE UPDATE**

Recommendation:

Review, discuss, and provide feedback on the Public Review Draft Zoning Code.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the Public are entitled to directly address the Commission concerning any item that is described in the notice of this meeting, before or during consideration of that item. If you wish to address the Commission on any issue that is on this agenda, please complete a speaker request card located in the foyer of the Commission Chambers, and deliver it to the Minutes Clerk prior to discussion of the item. You are not required to give your name on the speaker card in order to speak to the Commission, but it is very helpful. When you are called, proceed to the podium and the Mayor will recognize you. If you wish to address the Commission on any other item of interest to the public, you may do so by during the public comment portion of the meeting following the same procedure described above. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes or less.

Please submit written correspondence to the Minutes Clerk, who will distribute correspondence to the Commission.

Persons interested in proposing an item for the Commission agenda should contact a member of the Commission who may plan an item on the agenda for a future Commission meeting. Should your comments require Commission action, your request may be placed on the next appropriate agenda. Commission discussion or action may not be taken until your item appears on an agenda. This procedure is in compliance with the California Public Meeting Law (Brown Act) Government Code §54950.

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The time within which judicial review must be sought of the action by the Commission, which acted upon any matter appearing on this agenda is governed by the provisions of Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

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Sustainable Morgan Hill Vision

Morgan Hill is a socially responsible, environmentally conscious, and economically sound community that embraces inclusiveness with participation by all.

CITY COUNCIL ONGOING PRIORITIES

Enhancing Public Safety · Protecting the Environment · Maintaining Fiscal Responsibility ·
Supporting Our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community · Fostering a Positive Organizational Culture ·
Preserving and Cultivating Public Trust · Preserving Our Cultural Heritage

2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

High Speed Rail

Inclusiveness

Infrastructure

Regional Initiatives

Telecommunications

2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:



High Speed Rail

The City of Morgan Hill will directly advocate for our community's needs through our communications, discussions, and decisions. We will continue to engage the community, the High Speed Rail Authority, our state and federal legislators, and other regional agencies to mitigate negative impacts and convey our position that the High Speed Rail Authority should only use the existing Highway 101 right-of-way to avoid all impacts to residents, schools, and businesses. Should the Authority decide the 101 right-of-way is not feasible, we will strongly advocate for the route with the least impact on Morgan Hill.



Inclusiveness

We will celebrate the diversity, history, and culture of our community. Through City Council workshops, community meetings, and researching successes in other communities, the City will listen to and collaborate with the community to define how inclusiveness will be further woven into our community's fabric and to increase public participation. The City's communications, services, public spaces, and projects will embrace all community members as partners, advancing our vision of being a socially responsible community.



Infrastructure

The City will review its streets, parks, and public facilities infrastructure needs initially by updating its 2014 infrastructure study to quantify the funding gap. We will identify potential funding options as ongoing revenue is insufficient to fund our vital community assets at a sustainable level without significantly impacting existing service levels that our community has come to expect. Morgan Hill will actively work with the Valley Transportation Agency, the County, and the State to secure funding for the Santa Teresa extension and road maintenance. We will continue to work closely with our community to inform them of the needs and engage them to find an affordable and sustainable solution.



Regional Initiatives

City Council and staff will focus on influencing regional decisions that benefit Morgan Hill. This regional involvement will include, but not be limited to, partnering with the League of California Cities, Valley Transportation Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Cities Association of Santa Clara County, the City of Gilroy, Santa Clara County, Morgan Hill Unified School District, the Local Agency Formation Commission, the Open Space Authority, and Silicon Valley Clean Energy to advance projects that further Sustainable Morgan Hill.



Telecommunications

The City will collaborate with the private sector to explore ways to provide fast, reliable access and wireless connectivity for residents and businesses. The 2016 Telecommunications Infrastructure and Economic Development Blueprint reports will be the foundation for continuing discussions with broadband providers, public utilities, and other infrastructure service providers in developing an implementation plan for growing our telecommunications infrastructure. The plan will be used to signal Morgan Hill's support for business expansion.



PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 24, 2017

PREPARED BY: John Baty, Principal Planner/Development Services
 APPROVED BY: Jennifer Carman, Community Development Director

ZONING CODE UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Review, discuss, and provide feedback on the Public Review Draft Zoning Code.

BACKGROUND:

This is a follow-up to the three workshops with the Planning Commission to review and discuss the Public Review Draft Zoning Code (weblink). This item is specifically to discuss the proposed provisions regarding expiration of permits when a permitted land use is abandoned or discontinued.

ANALYSIS:

Section 18.104.210.A.2 in the Public Review Draft Zoning Code states that “a permit shall expire and become void if the permitted land use is abandoned or discontinued for one year or longer.” The existing Zoning Code does not contain a similar statement, implying that Conditional Use Permits and other approvals remain in effect permanently on a property even if the land use for which the permit was granted is abandoned or discontinued.

Staff recommends retaining the new permit expiration language in Section 18.104.210.A.2. Over time, the conditions on a site and within the vicinity of the site can change. If a use is discontinued for a year or more, the City would want to revisit whether that use remains appropriate at the time the use is reestablished. A one-year period is typical for requiring a new permit after a use is abandoned or discontinued. The Planning Commission could also consider an alternative time period, such as six months or two years.

CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act):

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Morgan Hill 2035 Project, which includes the Zoning Code Update, was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and certified by the Morgan Hill City Council on July 27, 2016. (SCH#2015022074).

LINKS/ATTACHMENTS:

1. Public Review Draft Zoning Code