CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Kings County Planning Commission was called to order by Chairman Gregory, on July 6, 2015, at 7:27 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, Hanford, California. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jim Gregory, Bob Bajwa, R.G. Trapnell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Riley Jones, Steven Dias

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Gatzka – Director, Erik Kaeding – County Counsel, Chuck Kinney – Deputy Director – Planning, Terri Yarbrough – Executive Secretary, Dan Kassik - Senior Planner

VISITORS PRESENT: Tana Herrick, Michelle Ellis

SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Mr. Gatzka summarized the agenda for the Commission.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES: No one spoke during this portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Gregory announced that the minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting stand approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Conditional Use Permit No. 15-01 (Complete Wireless)
   Mr. Kassik provided an overview of a proposal to establish a new 94-foot monopole wireless communication facility with a fenced lease area for ground equipment located at 17045 Everett Avenue, Laton, Assessor’s Parcel Number 004-080-048. Mr. Kassik reported the project site is within the General Agriculture (AG-20) zoning district and is consistent with the 2035 General Plan. The project is not subject to an agricultural preserve.

   Chairman Gregory opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the project or opposing the project. Ms. Michelle Ellis, representing Verizon Wireless, stated the project will open coverage in the Laton area and that she was available to answer any questions on the project. Chairman Gregory asked if Verizon would be leasing out to other carriers. Ms. Ellis stated they have agreements with other carriers who could co-locate on the tower. Chairman Gregory asked if there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or opposing the project. Seeing nobody else wishing to speak, he closed the Public Hearing.

   A motion was made and seconded (Trapnell/Bajwa) to adopt Planning Commission Resolution 15-05 as presented in the staff report. Motion carried unanimously with Jones and Dias absent.
1. Development Code Text Change 668.10
Mr. Gregory explained that separate actions would be taken on the Development Code Text Change and the Change of Zone District Boundaries. Mr. Kassik provided an overview of a proposal to amend Article 23 of the Kings County Development Code to incorporate updated subdivision regulations and to be titled Land Subdivisions. Mr. Kassik stated that the main changes were updating terminology and amending and/or deleting dated requirements. He also reported that an area was added addressing designated or unmapped remainders in Section 2308.D.

Chairman Gregory opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the project or opposing the project. Tana Herrick asked for clarification as to what was happening in the Home Garden area. Seeing nobody else wishing to speak, he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Trappnell/Bajwa) to approve resolution 15-06 approving changes to the Development Code Text Code. Motion carried with two in favor, Gregory abstaining and Jones and Dias absent.

2. Change of Zone District Boundaries 15-03
Mr. Kassik provided an overview of a proposal of various changes to the zone district boundaries in order to achieve the objectives of the Kings County Development Code and consistency with the 2035 Kings County General Plan. The project is consistent with the zoning ordinance, 2035 General Plan and Williamson Act. He reported that the zone changes proposed were as a result of the creation of the mixed use zoning district within the Kings County Development Code and that this proposal will implement the Mixed Use zoning district in the Armona and Home Garden areas.

Chairman Gregory opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak in favor of the project or opposing the project. Seeing nobody else wishing to speak, he closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made and seconded (Trappnell/Bajwa) to adopt Planning Commission Resolution 15-07 approving the the proposal of changes to the zone district boundaries. Motion carried with two in favor, Gregory abstaining and Jones and Dias absent.

3. Election of Officers (for term of 7/1/15 to 6/30/16)
Mr. Gatzka asked for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Commissioner Gregory nominated Commissioner Jones for Chairman. A motion was made and seconded (Gregory/Trappnell) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously with Jones and Dias absent. Commissioner Bajwa nominated Commissioner Trappnell for Vice Chairman. A motion was made and seconded (Bajwa/Trappnell) to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried unanimously with Jones and Dias absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. FUTURE MEETINGS: The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 3, 2015. Mr. Kassik stated there were no items at this time.

2. CORRESPONDENCE: None

3. STAFF COMMENTS: Mr. Gatzka reported that the Board of Supervisors re-appointed Commissioner Jones.

4. COMMISSION COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

KINGS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Greg Gatzka, Commission Secretary

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