
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
11465 W CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
AVONDALE, AZ 85323

Tuesday, January 12, 2016
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 pm by Chair Sours.

II. ROLL CALL

The following members and representatives were present:

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Sours, Chair
Melissa Valenzuela, Vice Chair
Thomas Forwith, Board Member
Mandy Neat, Board Member
Sean Scibienski, Board Member

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Robert Gubser, Planning Manager
Nicolle Harris, Legal Counsel
Linda Herring, Development Services Representative
Stephanie Long, Administrative Assistant

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chair Sours called for a motion to approve December 15, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. Board Member Scibienski made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Forwith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There were no scheduled public appearances.

V. WITHDRAWALS AND CONTINUANCES:

VI. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

1. PL-15-0246 – Avondale AutoMall Zoning Interpretation Appeal

Public hearing before the Board of Adjustment to review and solicit public input on application PL-15-0246, a request from Paul Gilbert, Beus Gilbert, PLLC to appeal the Zoning Administrator’s interpretation that used car sales are not permitted unless ancillary to a new car sales use. Staff recommends that the Board **AFFIRM** the decision of the Zoning Administrator. Staff Contact: Robert Gubser, AICP, Planning Manager

Robert Gubser, Planning Manager, stated that staff is requesting a continuance of application PL-15-0246, to January 26, 2016 to allow the Board sufficient time to review the documents provided. As an alternative, January 27th is an option for a continuance as well.

Board Member Scibienski queried as to the length of the previous Board minutes as Planning Commission and Council minutes have contained greater detail. Mr. Gubser stated those are the only minutes available regarding these cases.

Board Member Scibienski, moved to continue application PL-15-0246, a request from Robert Gubser, Planning Manager, to appeal the Zoning Administrator’s interpretation that used car sales are not permitted unless ancillary to a new car sales use to January 26, 2016. Board Member Neat seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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| David Sours, Chair | AYE |
| Melissa Valenzuela, Vice Chair | AYE |
| Thomas Forwith, Board Member | AYE |
| Mandy Neat, Board Member | AYE |
| Sean Scibienski, Board Member | AYE |

Approved 5-0

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Gubser provided training for the Board on the open meeting law and procedures.

Chair Sours asked if Staff is able to grant small variances such as a 6’ fence being 6’3” when the last course of brick is installed. Mr. Gubser responded that we have the Administrative Relief process that allows up to 10% relief of any development standard.

VIII. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:

IX. BOARD COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Sours called for a motion to adjourn. Board Member Scibienski moved to adjourn. Board Member Valenzuela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 6:21 p.m.

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Staff Signature

Date