

**MINUTES OF THE FOWLER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2017**

Mayor Cardenas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p. m. Roll call was taken.

Councilmembers Present: Cardenas, Hammer, Kazarian. Mayor Pro-Tem Parra attended by teleconference from the lobby of The Marriott Hotel, 1201 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107

Councilmember Absent: Rodriquez

City Staff Present: Interim City Manager/City Clerk Davis, Fire Chief Lopez, City Attorney Wolfe, City Engineer Peters, City Planning Consultants Marple and Stearns

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

PUBLIC HEARING: TO CONSIDER APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S AUGUST 3, 2017, APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION NO. 14-05 AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION - MAXCO SUPPLY, INC.

City Planning Consultant Dawn Marple gave background information on the Maxco Supply, Inc. box manufacturing project, to be located on the northeast corner of Golden State Boulevard and Manning Avenue. The 26 acre site is zoned M - 2 heavy industrial. The main building will be 280,000 square feet, and a future 12,000 square foot office building is planned. Maxco will operate various machinery for box making at the site and will use railway and trucks for transport and distribution. Maxco plans to employ 90 workers, and the future office facility will employ 30 more workers. An Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was completed for the project. A letter was received from Golden State Environmental Social Justice Alliance voicing concerns with air quality, traffic, and noise from the project. Staff responded to the comments, and the applicant prepared a biological evaluation and applicable air quality, noise and other studies. The studies have resulted in no findings of significant environmental impacts from the project.

On August 3, 2017, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and adopted resolutions approving a site plan review and MND for the project, and made the required findings pursuant to the Fowler Municipal Code. After the hearing, on August 3, 2017, a representative of Social Justice Alliance filed an appeal of the Planning Commission actions.

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative

Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, approve Site Plan Review No. 14-05 and Conditions of Approval, and make the findings that the IS and MND complies with the provisions of CEQA, and that there is no new substantial evidence in the record that the project, with incorporation of mitigation measures and the Conditions of Approval, would have a significant adverse effect to the environment either directly or indirectly. Staff also recommends that the Council find that the project will not have an individual or cumulative adverse effect on the environment.

Mayor Cardenas opened the duly noticed public hearing on the matter at 6:17 p. m.

Dirk Poeschel, Planning Consultant for Maxco, spoke in favor of the project, noting that several others were present to support the project, including the Fresno County EDC and neighboring business, Carsey & Carsey. Representatives from the Dowling, Aaron law firm were present and have provided a letter of support, and a letter of support was also received from the Fowler Unified School District.

With no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 6:19 p.m.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2377: APPROVING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (SCH#2017062008) AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION NO. 14-05

Mayor Pro-Tem Parra made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2377, “A Resolution before the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Approving a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH#2017062008) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Site Plan Review Application No. 14-05.” The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kazarian and carried by a 4-0-1 roll call vote. Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Rodriquez.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2378: APPROVING SITE PLAN REVIEW APPLICATION NO. 14-05 (MAXCO PACKAGING FACILITY)”

Councilmember Hammer made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2378, “A Resolution Before the City Council of the City of Fowler, County of Fresno, State of California, Approving Site Plan Review Application No. 14-05 (Maxco Packaging Facility).” The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kazarian and carried on a 4-0-1 roll call vote: Ayes: Cardenas, Parra, Hammer, Kazarian. Noes: None. Absent: Rodriquez.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Councilmember Kazarian made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hammer to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p. m.