

**CITY OF MURRIETA
1 TOWN SQUARE
MURRIETA, CA
MINUTES**



**April 8, 2026
6:00 PM REGULAR MEETING**

MURRIETA PLANNING COMMISSION

**Dennis Vrooman
Chairman**

**Joe Wojcik
Vice Chair**

**Michael LaPaglia
Commissioner**

**John Rose
Commissioner**

**Michael DeSena
Commissioner**

CALL TO ORDER 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Wojcik
Commissioner DeSena
Commission Rose

Absent: Chair Vrooman, Commissioner LaPaglia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Commissioner DeSena

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: It was moved by Commissioner DeSena seconded by Commissioner Rose to Approve the Agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Wojcik, DeSena, Rose
Noes: None
Absent: Vrooman, LaPaglia

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Minor Conditional Use Permit Modification 2025-00037 Backyard Bottleshop & Taproom.

Associate Planner Aaron presented the staff report and provided a detailed presentation to the Commission.

*****Chair Vrooman arrived to the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m**

Senior Planner Dennis Watts was available to respond to questions from the Commissioners.

Murrieta PD Sergeant James Tompkins was available to answer questions from the Commissioners.

Applicant Emil Gregory and business partner John Kerber were available to respond to questions from the Commissioners.

The Planning Commission posed questions for staff and the responses provided satisfied the Commission.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:44 pm.

Public Testimony

None

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:44 pm.

*******During deliberation on the item, Vice Chair Wojcik expressed opposition to the applicant's request, as recommended by staff, to allow alcohol service after midnight. Vice Chair Wojcik stated that he believed the project was good overall, but because he opposed alcohol service after midnight, he could not support the recommendation.

Action: It was moved by Commissioner DeSena seconded by Commissioner Rose to adopt a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Murrieta approving Minor Conditional Use Permit (MCUP) 2025-00037 and implementation of CEQA Exemption Section No. 15301 "Existing Facilities".

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Vrooman, DeSena, Rose

Noes: Wojcik

Absent: LaPaglia

CITY PLANNER COMMENTS

City Planner Carl Stiehl thanked staff for attending and provided a brief update on the items scheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting.



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CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

None.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

The Commission had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT 7:01 pm

Tanya Wells, Planning Commission Secretary



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