CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2010 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Charles Durnin, Chair Donita Van Horik, Vice-Chair



Becky Blair, Commissioner Alan Fox, Commissioner Leslie Gentile, Commissioner Phil Saumur, Commissioner Melani Smith, Commissioner

FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER (5:13 PM)

At 5:13 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (5:13 PM)

Boardmembers Phillip Joseph Saumur, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith,

Present: Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Boardmembers Alan L. Fox and Charles Durnin

Absent:

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Jorge Ramirez, Planner; Angie Zetterquist, Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE (5:14 PM)

Commissioner Gentile led the flag salute.

MINUTES (5:14 PM)

10-065PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of October 21, 2010.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith

and Becky Blair

Abstain: 1 - Donita Van Horik

Absent: 2 - Alan L. Fox and Charles Durnin

DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:15 PM)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, provided the Director's Report.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:19 PM)

There was no public comment given at this time.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:19 PM)

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the evidence you shall give in this Planning Commission Meeting shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

REGULAR AGENDA (5:20 PM)

1. 10-066PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to legalize an existing check cashing business located within a convenience store at 1732 W. Willow Street. (District 7) (Application No. 1008-13)

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Arturo Hernandez, applicant, spoke.

Arturo Hernandez responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Arturo Hernandez responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Jorge Ramirez responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur, Vice Chair Van Horik and Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Saumur, seconded by Commissioner Blair, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to add a condition requiring the applicant to slurry seal and restripe the parking lot. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 2 - Alan L. Fox and Charles Durnin

2. 10-067PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to legalize an existing check cashing business located within a convenience store at 225 W. Anaheim Street. (District 1) (Application No. 1008-12)

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Jorge Ramirez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Arturo Hernandez, applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Arturo Hernandez.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Gentile, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to add a condition requiring the applicant to slurry seal and restripe the parking lot. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Absent: 2 - Alan L. Fox and Charles Durnin

STUDY SESSION (5:42 PM)

10-069PL

Recommendation to conduct a study session regarding a carwash and retail building at 4201 E. Willow Street.

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Angie Zetterquist, Project Planner, who presented the study session.

Nikki Jazvec, applicant's representative, discussed the site plan and landscape plan.

Nikki Jazvec responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Bobbek Varuksar, applicant's representative, responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Smith spoke.

Bobbek Varuksar responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Nikki Jazvec responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Bobbek Varuksar responded to comments made by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Angie Zetterquist responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Bobbek Varuksar responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Angie Zetterquist responded to queries from Commissioner Gentile.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Bobbek Varuksar and Commissioner Gentile.

Nikki Jazvec responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Nikki Jazvec responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek spoke.

Bobbek Varuksar responded to a query from Vice Chair Van Horik.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Bobbek Varuksar responded to comments made by Vice Chair Van Horik and Commission Saumur.

A dialogue ensued between Bobbek Varuksar and Commissioner Gentile.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Smith and Commissioner

Gentile.

Bobbek Varuksar responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Andrew Kim, representing the property owner, responded to a query from Jill Griffiths.

Jill Griffiths spoke.

Vice Chair Van Horik spoke.

Bobbek Varuksar spoke.

Commissioner Gentile spoke.

Andrew Kim responded to comments from Commissioner Gentile.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Andrew Kim spoke.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (6:50 PM)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, responded to a query from Commissioner Smith.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Commissioner Blair.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to queries from Vice Chair Van Horik.

ADJOURNMENT (6:59 PM)

At 6:59 p.m., Vice Chair Van Horik adjourned the meeting.

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