# CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Melani Smith, Chair Charles Durnin, Vice-Chair



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2010 333 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD, COUNCIL CHAMBER, 5:00 PM

Becky Blair, Commissioner Alan Fox, Commissioner Leslie Gentile, Commissioner Phil Saumur, Commissioner Donita Van Horik, Commissioner

#### FINAL AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

# CALL TO ORDER (5:09 PM)

At 5:09 pm, Chair Smith called the meeting to order.

# ROLL CALL (5:09 PM)

**Boardmembers** Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie **Present:** Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Also present: Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer; Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Steven Valdez, Project Planner; Craig Chalfant, Project Planner; Steve Gerhardt, Project Planner; Heidi Eidson, Bureau Secretary.

#### FLAG SALUTE (5:10 PM)

Commissioner Saumur led the flag salute.

#### MINUTES (5:10 PM)

10-058PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of September 16, 2010.

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

Yes: 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT (5:11 PM)**

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, provided the Director's Report.

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (5:12 PM)**

There was no public comment given at this time.

# **SWEARING OF WITNESSES (5:12 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 (5:13 PM)**

#### 1. 10-059PL

Recommendation to approve a Conditional Use Permit request to establish a check cashing and money order business within an existing convenience store located at 1732 E. 15th Street in the Single Family Residential (R-1-N) district. (District 5) (Application No. 1006-19)

Derek Burnham, Current Planning Officer, introduced Steven Valdez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Dong Choi, applicant, spoke.

Dong Choi responded to a query from Commissioner Blair.

Danny Wilson provided public comment.

Maricella Ramirez provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Chair Smith.

Dong Choi spoke on behalf of Sally Perez, who wished to provided public comment.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Van Horik spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Saumur and Derek Burnham.

A motion was made by Commissioner Van Horik, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the recommendation with an amendment to modify Condition No. 10, adding language requiring bilingual signage and to modify Condition No. 14, adding a 90-day deadline for permits to be applied for and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

#### 2. 10-060PL

Recommendation to approve an Addendum to a previously certified Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR 30-07) for the Colorado Lagoon Restoration project. (District 3)

Chair Smith and Commissioner Gentile recused themselves from the item.

Jill Griffiths, Advance Planning Officer, introduced Craig Chalfant, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Jill Griffiths spoke.

Kerrie Aley provided public comment.

Vice Chair Durnin swore in a late arriving member of the public wishing to provide public comment.

Peter Holzer provided public comment.

Deborah Crow provided public comment.

Matt Kirk provided public comment.

Dave Perazzi provided public comment.

Mona DeLeon, consultant from LSA Associates, spoke.

Mona DeLeon responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Eric Lopez, Restoration Project Manager, spoke.

Eric Lopez responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Eric Lopez and Kim Garvey, Moffit and Nichol, responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Eric Lopez responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Eric Lopez responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Eric Lopez and Kim Garvey responded to a query from Vice Chair Durnin.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, and Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Fox.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Durnin, Jill Griffiths, Mona DeLeon and Eric Lopez.

Eric Lopez and Jill Griffiths responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Commissioner Fox spoke.

Michael Mais responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

Mona DeLeon responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Mona DeLeon responded to a query from Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Michael Mais spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

Abstain: 2 - Leslie Fernald Gentile and Melani Smith

3. 10-056PL

Recommendation to approve the nomination for the Chair of the Planning Commission for 2010-2011.

Chair Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blair, seconded by Commissioner Van Horik, to approve the nomination of Commissioner Durnin as the Planning Commission Chair for 2010 to 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

# **4.** 10-057PL

Recommendation to approve the nomination for the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2010-2011.

Commissioner Gentile made a substitute motion to nominate Commissioner Blair as the Vice Chair.

Commissioner Blair declined the nomination.

Commissioner Gentile withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fox, seconded by Commissioner Saumur, to approve the nomination of Commissioner Van Horik as the Vice Chair of the Planning Commission for 2010 to 2011. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Phillip Joseph Saumur, Alan L. Fox, Charles Durnin, Leslie Fernald Gentile, Melani Smith, Donita Van Horik and Becky Blair

# STUDY SESSION (6:50 PM)

#### 10-061PL

Conduct a study session to review the Land Use and Mobility sections of the Long Beach 2030 General Plan Update. (Citywide)

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, introduced the study session item.

Steven Gerhardt, Project Planner, presented the study session.

Ron Hawkes, KOA, discussed the mobility element.

Steve Gerhardt spoke.

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Ron Hawkes spoke.

Sumi Gant, Transportation Programs Officer, discussed the City's bike programs.

Steve Gerhardt spoke.

Chair Smith spoke.

Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Amy Bodek responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Sumi Gant and Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Saumur.

Sumi Gant responded to a query from Commissioner Durnin.

Commissioner Durnin spoke.

Steve Gerhardt responded to comments from Commissioner Durnin.

Steve Gerhardt spoke.

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Sumi Gant responded to comments made by Commissioner Blair.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Blair and Derek Burnham.

Jill Griffiths responded to queries from Commissioner Gentile.

Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Gentile, Amy Bodek and Derek Burnham.

Ron Hawkes and Steve Gerhardt responded to a query from Commissioner Gentile.

Derek Burnham responded to queries from Commissioner Van Horik.

Commissioner Saumur spoke.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Commissioner Saumur.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Commissioner Fox.

Steve Gerhardt responded to queries from Chair Smith.

Chair Smith spoke.

Amy Bodek responded to comments from Chair Smith.

Chair Smith spoke.

# COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION (8:30 PM)

Commissioner Blair spoke.

Derek Burnham responded to a query from Commissioner Van Horik.

# **ADJOURNMENT (8:31 PM)**

At 8:31 p.m., Chair Smith adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 21, 2010 - 5:00 PM

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