



CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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May 14, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing, and declare the ordinance amending the Use District Map read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading (District 9);

Declare ordinance amending Table 32-1 of Chapter 21.32 of the Municipal Code read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading (Citywide); and

Adopt Resolution forwarding the Zoning Text Amendment ordinance to the California Coastal Commission.

DISCUSSION

On March 21, 2013, the Planning Commission approved a Site Plan Review for a new 24,500-square-foot North Branch Library at 5870 Atlantic Avenue (Exhibit A – Location Map). In conjunction with approval of the library, recommendations were unanimously supported for approval of a Zoning Map Amendment to convert 12 vacant, contiguous parcels at the subject site from Two-Family Residential (R-2-N) to Neighborhood Commercial Automobile-Oriented (CNA), and a Zoning Text Amendment to add the “Public Library” use to Table 32-1 of the Zoning Regulations and permit the use, by right, in all commercial zoning districts (Exhibit B – Findings and Conditions). The requested Zoning Map Amendment would create uniform CNA zoning on the approximately 50,000-square-foot project site, and the Zoning Text Amendment would eliminate the current prohibition of library uses in commercial zones.

Development of the new North Branch Library will represent implementation of the first phase of the North Village Center project, a proposed mixed-use development on 6.3 acres of City-owned land centered on Atlantic Avenue between South Street and 59th Street. The goal of the Village Center, as outlined in the former Redevelopment Agency’s 2004 adopted North Long Beach Village Center and Historic Node Implementation Plan, is to create a definable, unique focal point for North Long Beach identity and activity. The North Village Center will ultimately include, in addition to the proposed library, both townhome and commercial uses.

The Planning Bureau first reviewed the conceptual North Village Center proposal in 2008. It was determined that a Zone Change would be necessary to accommodate a public library use at the site, as current zoning prohibits all library uses. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was also deemed necessary, and a year later, in 2009, the Redevelopment Agency certified the North Village Center EIR. The EIR analyzed impacts associated with a potential build-out of 61 multi-family residential units, 36,000 square feet of commercial space, a 30,000-square-foot public library, and related zone changes. Staff is currently working with a consultant on drafting a North Village Guide for Development that will establish goals for the appropriate scale and pattern of development in and around the North Village Center and provide guidelines on how to enhance the relationship between new developments, public streets, and open spaces.

This matter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais on April 23, 2013 and Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on April 25, 2013.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The ordinance amending Table 32-1 of the Municipal Code requires transmittal of positive Planning Commission amendment action(s) to the City Council within 60 days, which took place on March 21, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact and no direct local job impact as a result of the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

 *For*

AMY J. BODEK, AICP
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Attachments: EXHIBIT A - Location Map
EXHIBIT B - Findings and Conditions
City Council Ordinances (2)
City Council Resolution

APPROVED:


PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES TO SUBMIT AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG
BEACH ZONING REGULATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA
COASTAL COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL

WHEREAS, on _____, 2013, the City Council of the City of
Long Beach amended certain provisions of the Long Beach Zoning Regulations of the
City of Long Beach related to amendments to Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code
relating to public libraries; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to submit the above
referenced zoning regulation amendments to the California Coastal Commission for its
review; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council gave full
consideration to all facts and the proposals respecting the amendments to the zoning
regulations at a properly noticed and advertised public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the proposed amendments to the
zoning regulations by adopting amendments to Long Beach Municipal Code Section
21.32, Table 32-1 "Uses In All Other Commercial Zoning Districts" related to public
libraries. The proposed zoning regulation amendments are to be carried out in a manner
fully consistent with the Coastal Act and become effective in the Coastal Zone
immediately upon Coastal Commission certification; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds that the proposed amendments
will not adversely affect the character, livability or appropriate development in the City of
Long Beach and that the amendments are consistent with the goals, objectives and
provisions of the General Plan.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
2 follows:

3 Section 1. The amendment to the Long Beach Zoning Regulations of the
4 City of Long Beach adopted on _____, 2013, by Ordinance No.
5 ORD-13-_____, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated in this resolution
6 as Exhibit "A", is hereby submitted to the California Coastal Commission for its earliest
7 review as to that part of the ordinance that directly affects land use matters in that portion
8 of the California Coastal Zone within the City of Long Beach.

9 Section 2. The Director of Development Services of the City of Long
10 Beach is hereby authorized to and shall submit a certified copy of this resolution, together
11 with appropriate supporting materials, to the California Coastal Commission with a
12 request for its earliest action, as an amendment to the Local Coastal program that will
13 take effect automatically upon Commission approval pursuant to the Public Resources
14 Code or as an amendment that will require formal City Council adoption after Coastal
15 Commission approval.

16 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
17 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

18 I certify that this resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of
19 Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2013, by the following vote:

20 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____
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23 Noes: Councilmembers: _____
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25 Absent: Councilmembers: _____
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City Clerk