CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019
PACIFIC GATEWAY
4811 AIRPORT PLAZA DRIVE
ROSI PEDERSEN ROOM, 5:00 PM

Richard Lewis, Chair
Mark Christoffels, Vice Chair
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner

Ron Cruz, Commissioner
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Andy Perez, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer; Gina Casillas, Planner; Jonathan Iniesta, Planner; Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner; Cynthia de la Torre, Planner; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Present: Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Commissioners Absent: Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

19-050PL Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of July 18, 2019.

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

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, provided the Director's Report.

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

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.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. 19-051PL Recommendation to find the projects listed in the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Improvement Program (FY 2020 CIP) in conformity with the General Plan. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Laurie Smith provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chris Kuebert, Public Works, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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Chris Kuebert, Public Works, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

REGULAR AGENDA

2. 19-052PL Recommendation to continue acceptance of Categorical Exemption CE-19-170 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP19-022) for the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits for off-site consumption at an existing grocery store located at 6235 E. Spring Street to the August 22nd Special Meeting of the Planning Commission. (District 5)

The motion was made by Vice Chair Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

3. 19-053PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE19-149 and approve 1) a Conditional Use Permit (CUP18-025) for cultivation and distribution, 2) an Administrative Use Permit (AUP18-008) to operate a testing laboratory, and 3) a Lot Merger (LMG18-025) to create a single lot for the construction of a new 12,920-square-foot industrial building

in conjunction with establishing an adult-use cannabis facility at 1360 West Cowles Street in the General Industrial (IG) Zoning District. (District 1)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Joe Caristo, applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Joe Caristo, applicant.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Robert Boydston provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Christoffels and Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

The motion was made by Commissioner Templin seconded by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

4. 19-054PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE19-149 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP19-017) to allow off-premise alcohol sales (Alcoholic Beverage Control License - Type 21) within an 18,336 sq. ft. grocery establishment located in the Community Commercial Automobile (CCA) Zoning District at 8145 East Wardlow Road. (District 5)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Steve Rawlings, applicant, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Verduzco-Vega, seconded by Vice Chair Christoffels, to approve recommendation with change to delivery hours. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

5. 19-055PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE16-320 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP19-023) to establish a motor vehicle dealership for truck sales at 1361 W. Anaheim Street in the General Industrial (IG) Zoning District. (District 1)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Verduzco-Vega and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Derek Burnett, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Derek Burnett, applicant.

The motion was made by Vice Chair Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Cruz, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

6. 19-056PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE18-205 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP18-022) for adult-use cannabis distribution within an existing 1,580 square-foot building located at 5820 Paramount Boulevard in the Light Industrial (IL) Zoning District. (District 9)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Nick Vasuthasawat, Planner, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

The motion was made by Vice Chair Christoffels, seconded by Commissioner Templin, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

7. 19-057PL Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE-18-264 and approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP18-039) to allow on-premise alcohol sales (Alcoholic Beverage Control- License Type 47) in conjunction with the establishment of a new restaurant at an existing 2,750 square-foot commercial tenant space located at 4137 East Anaheim Street in the Community (CCN) Commercial Zoning District. (District 4)

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, introduced Cynthia de la Torre, Planner, who provided the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Steve Rawlings, representative of applicant, spoke.

Geoffrey Rau, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Geoffrey Rau, applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Cruz and Geoffrey Rau, applicant.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Geoffrey Rau, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Geoffrey Rau, applicant, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Geoffrey Rau, applicant.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Arthur Gonzales provided public comment.

Paul Cassel provided public comment.

Victor Martinez provided public comment.

Joe Parra provided public comment.

Doug Shay provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager.

Geoffrey Rau, applicant, spoke.

Project architect spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner, to approve the recommendation with modification to allow an outdoor patio. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Andy Perez

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Members of the public are invited to address the Planning Commission on items of interest to the public within the Commission's jurisdiction. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes unless that time is extended by the Chair.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair Lewis.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 p.m., Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: SPECIAL MEETING DATE - August 22, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

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