

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020
411 W. OCEAN BOULEVARD
CIVIC CHAMBERS, 5:00 PM**

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



Ron Cruz, Commissioner
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner
Jane Templin, Commissioner
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20 ISSUED BY
GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM**

**THE CIVIC CHAMBERS WILL BE ACCESSIBLE FOR
PUBLIC OBSERVATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

At 5:03 p.m., Chair Lewis started the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Also present: Linda F. Tatum, Director of Development Services; Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Scott Kinsey, Project Planner; Pluchette Slusher, Clerk Typist; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

Commissioners Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega,
Present: Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Cruz lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

20-024PL

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of March 5, 2020.

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

Yes: 6 - Ron Cruz, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Josh LaFarga

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Christopher Koontz provided the Director's Report.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 20-025PL Recommendation to determine that the project is within the scope of the previously-certified Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Civic Center Project (SCH#2015041054) and that no further environmental analysis is needed; and approve Site Plan Review SPR19-035 for construction of a residential mixed-use development consisting of 580 dwelling units in two eight-story buildings (290 units each) and up to 40,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, with two full levels of subterranean parking and two partial levels of at-grade and above-grade parking, for a total of 885 parking stalls; and approve a Vesting Tentative Tract Map VTTM19-003 to create two master ground lots and 13 airspace lots, on a 4.59-acre site located at 321 West Ocean Boulevard and 121 Cedar Avenue, in the Downtown Plan (PD-30) Planned Development District, at the site of the former Long Beach City Hall.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, who provided the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner LaFarga joined the meeting.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Eric Olsen, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Eric Olsen, applicant, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis.

Bob Lerner, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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Eric Olsen, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Bob Lerner, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Eric Olsen, applicant, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Scott Kinsey, Project Planner, spoke.

Bob Lerner, applicant, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Bob Lerner, applicant.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner LaFarga spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

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

Yes: 7 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

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 spoke.

Commissioner LaFarga spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 2, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

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