

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020  
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 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

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:01 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; Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner; Jonathan Iniesta, Planner; Dionne Bearden, Planning Bureau Secretary.

**Commissioners** Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni

**Present:** Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

**Commissioners** Ron Cruz

**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie lead the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

[20-031PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission minutes of April 2, 2020.

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

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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

[20-037PL](#) Director's Report

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [20-032PL](#) Recommendation to recommend that the City Council: Accept Negative Declaration ND 16-19 and approve Zoning Code Amendment ZCA19-011, to amend Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to: 1) add a definition for 'interim housing' and establish related operating standards; 2) repeal the definition of 'shelter'; 3) amend the definition of 'emergency shelter' and expand the zoning districts where emergency shelters may be permitted; 4) amend the definition of transitional housing and expand the zoning districts where it may be permitted; 5) add a definition for safe parking, establish the districts within which a 'safe parking site' may be permitted and adopt operating standards; and; 6) amend the term 'social service office' to 'social service facility' and expand the zoning designations where it is allowed. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

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Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

**Absent:** 1 - Ron Cruz

2. [20-033PL](#)

Recommendation to find this action exempt from the requirement of the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopt a Resolution delegating the review authority for Site Plan Review applications by project type in accordance with Long Beach Municipal Code 21.25.503.B. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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Chair Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

**Absent:** 1 - Ron Cruz

3. [20-034PL](#)

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council find the proposed ordinance to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and approve Zoning Code Amendment ZCA20-006 to amend Title 2, 20, and 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (Zoning Code) to: 1) Extended the expiration date of all certificates of appropriateness, tract maps, lot line adjustments, entitlements and other approvals, not expired on January 1, 2020, by 24 months; and 2) Modify the entitlement expiration time for all new certificates of appropriateness, tract maps, lot line adjustments, entitlements and other approvals to a uniform 36-month duration. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, presented the staff report.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

**Yes:** 6 - Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Erick Verduzco-Vega, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

**Absent:** 1 - Ron Cruz

## STUDY SESSION

4. 20-036PL Conduct a study session regarding the City's proposed updates to the Municipal Code regarding interim motel conversions to temporary homeless housing.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke and introduced Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, who presented the study session.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

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Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

**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**

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Commissioner Verduzco-Vega spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:15 p.m., Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 21, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

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