

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 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

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

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; Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner; Alison Spindler-Ruiz, Project Planner; Anita Juhola-Garcia, Project Planner; Jonathan Iniesta, Project Planner; Dionne Bearden, Bureau Secretary.

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

Commissioners Erick Verduzco-Vega
Absent:

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie lead the flag salute.

MINUTES

[20-044PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission Meeting minutes of May 21, 2020.

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, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 2 - Josh LaFarga and Erick Verduzco-Vega

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

SWEARING OF WITNESSES

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [20-045PL](#) Recommend that the City Council approve EIR addendum EIRA-02-20; adopt an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code to establish Title 22 (Updated Zoning Code) and new zoning districts and regulations to implement the 2019 Long Beach General Plan Land Use Element Update adopted in 2019; and adopt City-initiated rezoning of select properties on major corridors in North Long Beach. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer and Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, who presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Christoffels and Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Lewis and Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Linda Tatum, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Ricks-Oddie and Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Arlene Donato provided public comment.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Ricks-Oddie spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

2. [20-046PL](#)

Recommendation to find that the proposed project is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(1), CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15308, and none of the exceptions in Section 15300.2 apply; this action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and adopt the proposed Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines, in accordance with Section 1002(f) of Article X of the City Charter. (Citywide)

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, introduced Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, who presented the staff report.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Christoffels and Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Advance Planning Officer, spoke.

Vice Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

3. [20-047PL](#)

Recommend that the City Council find the proposed ordinance to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and approve Zoning Code Amendment ZCA20-008 to amend Title 21 of the Long Beach Municipal Code (Zoning Code) to: 1. Modify Table 33-2 (Industrial Uses) to allow outdoor recreation, health clubs, job training and vocations schools through an Administrative Use Permit (AUP) where a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was previously required; 2. Modify Table 32-1 (Commercial Uses) to allow minor auto repair, motorcycle sales and repair, vehicle parts and tire store, religious assembly uses, industrial arts trade schools and repair shops through an AUP where a CUP was previously required; 3. Modify Table 32-1 (Commercial Uses) to allow religious assembly uses, hospitals and convalescent homes through an AUP where a CUP was previously

required or a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) where not previously permitted; 4. Modify Table 32-1 (Commercial Uses) to expand the description of professional services to fully include medical uses including but not limited to urgent care centers; and 5. Amending Table 41-1C (Commercial and Industrial Parking) to reduce parking requirements for medical uses from 5/1000 to 4/1000. (Citywide)

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

Chair Lewis spoke.

Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Lewis spoke.

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

Yes: 6 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Joni Ricks-Oddie, Mark Christoffels and Richard Lewis

Absent: 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

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.

No Public Comments.

COMMENTS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

No Comments from Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 18, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

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