

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020  
HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE, 5:00 PM**

Mark Christoffels, Chair  
Joni Ricks-Oddie, Vice Chair  
Erick Verduzco-Vega, Commissioner



Ron Cruz, Commissioner  
Josh LaFarga, Commissioner  
Jane Templin, Commissioner  
Richard Lewis, Commissioner

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**FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:01 pm, Chair Christoffels called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Also present: Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director; Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager; Alexis Oropeza, Current Planning Officer; Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner; Gina Casillas, Project Planner; Jonathan Iniesta, Planner; Heather Flores, Clerk Typist.

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

**Commissioners** Erick Verduzco-Vega  
**Absent:**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Cruz lead the flag salute.

**MINUTES**

[20-089PL](#)

Recommendation to receive and file the Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 1, 2020.

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

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

**Absent:** 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

20-090PL      Director's Report

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Commissioner Lewis spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

## **SWEARING OF WITNESSES**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [20-091PL](#) Recommendation to recommend that the City Council approve Street Name Change SNC20-001, to change the name of the public right-of-way known as Kilroy Airport Way for its entire length between Redondo Avenue and Spring Street to "Airport Way" to match the existing Airport Way located west of Redondo Avenue. (District 5)

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Maria, representative of applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

A member of the public provided comment.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Christoffels and member of the public.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner LaFarga, to continue item to a date of December 3, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

2. [20-092PL](#) Recommendation to accept Categorical Exemption CE19-195 and approve Conditional Use Permit CUP19-032 and Local Coastal Development Permit LCDP19-016 to add a new fixed bar to a full-service dinner restaurant with an existing Type 47 alcohol license for on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and distilled spirits) in an existing commercial building in the

Neighborhood Pedestrian (CNP) Zoning District. (District 3)

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Alejandro Sanchez-Lopez, Project Planner, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Vice Chair Ricks-Oddie spoke.

Arturo, representative of applicant spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Everett Martinez, architect, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

**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, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Richard Lewis, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

**Absent:** 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

**3. [20-093PL](#)**

Recommendation to recommend that the City Council approve an Addendum to the Midtown Specific Plan Programmatic Environmental Impact Report; Approve Zone Change ZCHG18-006 from Regional Highway (CHW), Community Automobile Orientated (CCA) and Two Family Residential (R-2-N) to Midtown Specific Plan (MTSP) Transit Node (TOD-L) Districts, over the following nine lots addressed as: 201 - 245 W. Pacific Coast Highway and 1827 Pacific Avenue (APN 7209-022-900, 7209-022-028; 7209-022-027, and 7209-022-023) and

approve Zone Text Amendment ZCA18-008 to reflect the boundary change of the Zone Change expanding the area within the Midtown Specific Plan. Approve Site Plan Review SPR18-054 to allow the construction of two, five-story buildings, consisting of 138-market-rate residential units and 24,911 square feet of commercial space located at 201 - 245 W. Pacific Coast Highway and 1827 Pacific Avenue, in the Midtown Specific Plan (SP-1); and Approve Lot Merger LMG 18-032 to merge nine lots into two separate lots addressed as 201 - 245 W. Pacific Coast Highway and 1827 Pacific Avenue (APN 7209-022-900, 7209-022-028, 7209-022-027, and 7209-022-023). (District 6)

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Lewis recused himself and left the meeting.

Gina Casillas, Project Planner, presented staff presentation.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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Chair Christoffels spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

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Chair Christoffels spoke.

Henry Tong, applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Henry Tong, applicant, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Jonathan Iniesta, Planner, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Linda Mendoza, applicant representative, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Alex Tomko, Wrigley Association, provided public comment.

Jan Van Dijs, Project Manager, spoke.

John Edmond provided public comment.

Kal Sang provided public comment.

Lynette Ferenczy provided public comment.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Lynette Ferenczy provided public comment.

Lee Pacqui provided public comment.

Mona Ikner provided public comment.

Richard Drury provided public comment.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

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Todd Lemus provided public comment.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Cruz spoke.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Deputy Director, spoke.

Patricia Diefenderfer, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

Chair Christoffels spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Templin, seconded by Commissioner Ricks-Oddie, to approve recommendation.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Ron Cruz, Josh LaFarga, Jane Templin, Joni Ricks-Oddie and Mark Christoffels

**Absent:** 1 - Erick Verduzco-Vega

**Recused:** 1 - 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**

Commissioner Lewis returned to the meeting.

Christopher Koontz, Development Services Director spoke.

Commissioner Templin spoke.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Christoffels adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 19, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

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