



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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August 9, 2011

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the supporting documentation into the record, conclude the public hearing and declare the Ordinance amending the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6), incorporating the suggested modifications by the California Coastal Commission read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; adopt a Resolution amending the Local Coastal Program and forwarding the supporting material to the California Coastal Commission for approval and certification. (District 2)

DISCUSSION

In the past four months, the California Coastal Commission (CCC) took action on two items that were previously approved by the City Council, the Golden Shore Master Plan and the Aquarium of the Pacific expansion. In addition, the State Lands Commission recently approved a land exchange removing the Tidelands Trust restrictions from the Queensway Bay Parcel (Subarea 5 of PD-6, the "Pike") that was also previously approved by the City Council. Since all of these changes affect the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6), they are being grouped into one ordinance amendment for consideration by the City Council. If approved, the Ordinance will be forwarded to the CCC for final approval.

The CCC approved the Golden Shore Master Plan on June 16, 2011 with suggested modifications including bicycle access, transportation demand management, bird-safe building design and lower-cost overnight accommodations. The Aquarium of the Pacific expansion was approved by the CCC on April 13, 2011 with a suggested modification to include language for unenclosed public recreation.

On June 21, 2011, the City Council authorized the City Manager to execute an exchange agreement that included removing the Tidelands Trust restrictions from the Queensway Bay Parcel (The Pike) and adding the Tidelands Trust restrictions to the Bixby Park parcel, the Colorado Lagoon Parcel and the Marine Stadium Channel Parcel. The State Lands Commission approved the exchange on June 23, 2011. To comply with this recent agreement and to update the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6), any language included in Subarea 5 that refers to Tidelands Trust restrictions is being removed.

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Staff believes that these projects will provide a positive contribution to the Downtown Shoreline area and that the suggested modifications will allow development to proceed while ensuring that the requirements of the Coastal Act are met.

This letter was reviewed by Assistant City Attorney Michael Mais on July 19, 2011 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on July 21, 2011.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The Coastal Act requires the City's adoption of the suggested modifications be completed within six months of the April 13, 2011 Coastal Commission action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact and no local job impact as a result of the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



AMY J. BODEK, AICP
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

APPROVED:



PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

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Attachments: City Council Ordinance Redline Version
City Council Ordinance
City Council Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ADOPTING, AFTER PUBLIC HEARING, AMENDMENTS TO THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM ELEMENT OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH; AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO SUBMIT CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TOGETHER WITH ALL SUPPORTING MATERIALS AND THE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN SHORELINE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PD-6) TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION

The City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council does hereby find, determine and declare:

A. The City Council of the City of Long Beach has adopted, pursuant to Section 65300, et seq., of the California Government Code, a Local Coastal Program (LCP) as an Element of the City's General Plan.

B. The City Council desires to amend the Local Coastal Program (LCP) of the General Plan by amending PD-6 as it relates to the Golden Shore Master Plan, the Aquarium of the Pacific expansion, and the removal of certain Tidelands Trust restrictions in the PD-6 area as previously approved by the California State Lands Commission.

C. On April 13, 2011 at a duly notice public hearing, the California Coastal Commission approved certain proposed amendments to

1 PD-6 that would accommodate a development proposal to expand the
2 Aquarium of the Pacific provided that the City incorporate a suggested
3 modification to the PD-6 amendment under consideration.

4 D. On June 16, 2011 at a duly noticed public hearing, the
5 California Coastal Commission approved certain proposed amendments to
6 PD-6 that would accommodate a development proposal commonly referred
7 to as the "Golden Shore Master Plan," provided that the City incorporate
8 suggested modifications to the PD-6 amendment under consideration.

9 E. On June 21, 2011 the City Council authorized the City
10 Manager to execute an Exchange Agreement with the State Lands
11 Commission removing certain Tidelands Trust restrictions from the
12 Queensway Bay parcel (the "Pike") of PD-6 and concurrently adding similar
13 Tidelands Trust restrictions to certain areas of the City in and around the
14 Colorado Lagoon parcel and the Marine Stadium Channel parcel, which
15 Exchange Agreement was approved by the State Lands Commission at a
16 duly noticed public meeting on June 23, 2011.

17 F. In accordance with the determination of the California Coastal
18 Commission at its hearings conducted on April 13, 2011 and June 16, 2011,
19 the City has incorporated the California Coastal Commission's "suggested
20 modifications" to the proposed amendments to PD-6 in an ordinance
21 presented to and adopted by the City Council at a duly noticed public
22 hearing conducted on August 9, 2011.

23 Section 2. The Director of Development Services is hereby authorized to
24 submit a certified copy of this Resolution and a certified copy of Ordinance No.
25 ORD-11-_____ amending the zoning regulations of the City of Long Beach together
26 with appropriate supporting materials, to the California Coastal Commission for
27 certification and approval by the Coastal Commission as amendments to the City's Local
28 Coastal Program and the implementing ordinances thereof in accordance with the

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1 provisions of the Public Resources Code.

2 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
3 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

4 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the
5 City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2011, by the following vote:

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10 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

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City Clerk