

CITY OF LONG BEACH

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL City of Long Beach California

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Receive the supporting documentation into the record and conclude the public hearing;
- 2) Adopt the attached Ordinance revising Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6);
- Declare the Ordinance read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading; and
- 4) Adopt Resolution to submit amendments to the California Coastal Commission as a Local Coastal Program amendment.

DISCUSSION

On September 13, 2005, the Long Beach City Council approved an ordinance to amend subarea 4 of the Downtown Shoreline Planned Development District (PD-6). The proposed amendment will increase the allowable new residential units by 500 units to a maximum of 1,500 new residential units and to decrease the allowable commercial/office use from the current maximum of 2,000,000 square feet to 1,800,000 square feet. As the City's Coastal Zone is affected by this ordinance, on November 8, 2005, the City submitted a request to the California Coastal Commission to certify this change to PD-6.

On May 10, 2005, the California Coastal Commission approved the City's request with a suggested modification to add a requirement that Victory Park between Pacific Avenue and the Ocean Center Office Building be enlarged by at least 4,042 square feet. In 2002, electric transformers were placed in Victory Park by the Camden Development Inc. displacing 2,021 square feet of parkland without a Local Coastal Development Permit. After discussion with the developer, the City and the California Coast Commission, an agreement was made to replace the lost parkland at a 2:1 ratio at the segment of Victory Park situated between Pacific Avenue and the Ocean Center office building. The intent of this amendment is to codify this agreement.

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Assistant City Attorney Michael J. Mais prepared the attached ordinance and reviewed this letter on July 12, 2006.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

The California Coastal Act requires that cities adopt the California Coastal Commission's suggested modifications within six months of the Commission's action for LCP amendments to be effective (December 10, 2006).

FISCAL IMPACT

None

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Adopt recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Ordinance Resolution

APPROVED:

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