

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gutierrez.

ROLL CALL Commissioners: Barragan, Dimas, Gonzalez, Grajeda, and Gutierrez

Staff: Associate Planner Sonia Griego, Contract Planner Norma Lopez, Management Analyst Gisselle Delgado, and Assistant City Attorney Gloria Ramirez

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approval of Minutes of the Planning Commission Meetings held on May 15, 2024.

Chairperson Gutierrez motioned, seconded by Commissioner Barragan, to approve the Minutes.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Gutierrez, Commissioner Barragan and Dimas (3)
ABSTENTIONS: Vice Chairperson Gonzalez and Commissioner Grajeda (2)

Approval of Minutes of the Planning Commission Meetings held on May 22, 2024.

Vice Chairperson Gonzalez motioned, seconded by Commissioner Grajeda, to approve the Minutes.

AYES: Chairperson Gutierrez, Vice Chairperson Gutierrez, Commissioner Dimas and Grajeda (4)
ABSTENTION: Commissioner Barragan (1)

PUBLIC HEARING

2021-2029 Housing Element Update and Related Acts

Associate Planner Sonia Griego informed the Commission that Contract Planner Norma Lopez would be presenting this item for the Planning Commission to consider recommending that the City Council adopt the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update and Negative Declaration (ND), pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080(c). After her introduction of the project, she turned the presentation over to project consultant, Veronica Tam, from VTA Planning.

The Commission directed questions to the consultant. Discussion ensued.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Staff informed the Commission that one comment was received from the Los Angeles County Sanitation District regarding sewer service and the recommendation (provided as an attachment to the staff report).

The Public Hearing was closed.

Vice Chairperson Gonzalez motioned, seconded by Chairperson Gutierrez to approve staff's recommendation as detailed in the presentation and staff report.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Gutierrez, Vice Chairperson Gonzalez, Commissioners Barragan, Dimas and Grajeda (5)

Development
Agreement for CCP
Application 18-047

Associate Planner Sonia Griego informed the Commission that Management Analyst Gisselle Delgado would be presenting this item for the Planning Commission to conduct a Public Hearing to consider adopting a resolution making a recommendation to the City Council regarding a request for a development agreement for Commercial Cannabis Permit (CCP) application No. 18-047.

At the end of the presentation, Management Analyst Delgado informed the Commission that staff's recommendation was to approve the item as detailed in the presentation and staff report.

The Commission directed questions to staff. Discussion ensued.

A member of the applicant's team addressed the Commission to provide them with more information regarding their operation.

The Public Hearing was opened.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Vice Chairperson Gonzalez motioned, seconded by Commissioner Grajeda, to approve the item as recommended in the staff report and presented by staff.

Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Gutierrez, Vice Chairperson Gonzalez, Commissioners Barragan, Dimas and Grajeda (5)

STAFF REPORTS

None.

COMMISSION
REPORTS

Chairperson Gutierrez announced that his baby was born on June 26, 2024. He also thanked staff for moving the Housing Element and General Plan along and expressed that he is excited to see it move forward.

Vice Chairperson Gonzalez inquired about department staffing.

Commissioner Grajeda inquired about the empty lot at the corner of Washington Boulevard and Atlantic Boulevard. Associate Planner Griego provided some information regarding future use.

Commissioner Barragan inquired if there is a staff person assigned to bring in new businesses to the city.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned.