

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE HELD ON FEBRUARY 28, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.,
IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CA 90040

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Lainez at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL Commissioners: Altamirano, Argumedo, Lainez, and Serfozo

Absent: Gonzalez

Staff: Deputy Director of Development Services/Liason Matt Marquez, City Planner Jose D. Jimenez, Associate Planner Griego, and Assistant City Attorney Norma Copada

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Zoning Ordinance
Text Amendment
(Citywide) –
Commerce Municipal
Code Chapter 19.21
(Off-Street Parking
and Loading) A request to amend Table 19.21.040A (Off-Street Parking Requirements) of Chapter 19.21 (Off-Street Parking and Loading) of the Commerce Municipal Code and add parking requirements for Health Club Land Uses.

City Planner Jose Jimenez presented the report and informed the Commission that staff's recommendation was to adopt the Resolution recommending to the City Council 1) adoption of an ordinance amending Table 19.21.040A (Off-Street Parking Requirements) of the Commerce Municipal Code and; 2) find that the subject text amendment qualify for a Class 8 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 (Actions by the Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) of the CEQA guidelines.

Following the presentation, the Commission directed some questions to staff.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Serfozo asked if parking requirements are grouped by category?

The public hearing on this matter was opened.

The public hearing on this matter was closed.

Commissioner Argumedo made a motion to approve the item and Commissioner Altamirano seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Vice-Chairperson Lainez, Commissioners Altamirano, Argumedo, and Serfozo (4)

NOES: None(0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ABSENT: Chairperson Gonzalez (1)

Zoning Ordinance
Text Amendment
(Citywide) –
Commerce Municipal
Code Chapter
19.31.370 (Garment
Manufacturing)

A request to amend Table 19.11.030 (Uses in Industrial Districts) and make certain changes to Chapter 19.31.370 (Garment Manufacturing) of the Zoning Ordinance, Citywide. Specifically, staff is considering adjustments and clarifications to Sections of the Zoning Ordinance which regulate Garment Manufacturing Land Uses within the City of Commerce.

City Planner Jose Jimenez presented the report and informed the Commission that staff's recommendation was to adopt the Resolution recommending to the City Council 1) adoption of an ordinance amending Table 19.31.370 (Garment Manufacturing) of the Commerce Municipal Code and; 2) find that the subject text amendment qualify for a Class 8 Categorical Exemption from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15308 (Actions by the Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) of the CEQA guidelines.

Following the presentation, the Commission directed some questions to staff.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Argumedo inquired about existing garment industry companies in the City and if they would have to comply with new regulations. (How many companies in the garment industry are operating in Commerce?)

Commissioner Serfozo tightening the zoning for garment manufacturing to deter the use of sweat shops? Get away from garment manufacturing and move towards garment sampling.

The public hearing on this matter was opened.

The public hearing on this matter was closed.

Commissioner Serfozo made a motion to approve the item and

Vice Chairperson Lainez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Vice Chairperson Lainez, Commissioners Altamirano, Argumedo and Serfozo (4)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ABSENT: Chairperson Gonzalez (1)

SCHEDULED MATTERS

Presentation –
Purpose of a Zoning
Code

Presentation by staff regarding the purpose of a Zoning Code.

After the presentation, the Commission thanked staff.

Richard Hernandez, who resides at 5050 Nobel Street, addressed the Commission. Will Commercial owners be able to build lots on their property? Liaison Marquez responded.

Commissioner Serfozo asked when the next General Plan Update will be.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Vice Chairperson Lainez acknowledged that it was the last Commission meeting for Commissioner Altamirano. He expressed that she will be missed and thanked her for her time with the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Argumedo thanked Commissioner Altamirano for her time served on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Serfozo thanked Commissioner Altamirano for her years of service on the Planning Commission and let her know that she will be missed.

Commissioner Altamirano expressed that it was with mixed emotions that she decided to resign from the Planning Commission to focus on school. She also thanked staff for the hard work and dedication to the City and expressed that it was an honor and a privilege to serve her City.

STAFF REPORTS

City Planner Jimenez thanked Commissioner Altamirano for her time with the Planning Commission and wished her the best. He also reported on his attendance at the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference.

Deputy Director of Development Services Matt Marquez thanked Commissioner Altamirano for her six years of service and expressed how much he appreciates how much time she spent on the Planning Commission. He also mentioned the process for the Commission to get items on the Agenda and recited from the Commissioner's Handbook.

Vice Chairperson Lianez asked the Commission if there were any items that they would like staff to place on a future agenda. Commissioner Serfozo requested an update on Veteran's Memorial Park. The rest of the Commission agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Altamirano moved to adjourn the meeting and Vice Chairperson Lainez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Vice Chairperson Lainez, Commissioners Altamirano, Argumedo, and Serfozo (4)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ABSENT: Chairperson Gonzalez (1)

Vice Chairperson Lainez adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. to March 28, 2018.