

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE HELD ON MAY 31, 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 Chairperson Gonzalez at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL Commissioners: Gonzalez, Lainez, and Serfozo

Absent: Grajeda

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 Vice-Chairperson Lainez motioned to approve the minutes for the Adjourned Regular Meeting of November 29, 2017 and the Regular Meeting of December 27, 2017 and the motion was seconded by Chairperson Gonzalez. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson Lainez, and Commissioner Serfozo (3)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ABSENT: Commissioner Grajeda (1)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Conditional Use
Permit No. 523
5471 Ferguson Drive

A request to allow the establishment of a new screened Wireless Telecommunications Facility on the rooftop of an existing building at 5471 Ferguson Drive and within the City's M-2 Zoning District.

Associate Planner Sonia Griego presented the report and informed the Commission that staff's recommendation was to approve the Conditional Use Permit with conditions.

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

Discussion followed.

The public hearing on this matter was opened.

The public hearing on this matter was closed.

Vice-Chairperson Lainez made a motion to approve the item and Chairperson Gonzalez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson Lainez, and
Commissioner Serfozo (3)
NOES: None(0)
ABSTAIN: None (0)
ABSENT: Commissioner Grajeda (1)

SCHEDULED MATTERS

Update – Veteran's Park

Deputy Director of Development Services Marquez informed the Commission that the Director of Public Works and Development Services was scheduled to give the presentation but due to working on budget related matters and the absence of one Commissioner, the update would be postponed. He did inform them that there is going to be construction taking place in the gym area with the expectation of it being completed in August.

The Commission directed some questions to staff.

Presentation – Entitlements

Presentation by staff regarding types of entitlements including types that the City reviews and when entitlements are necessary.

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

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner Serfozo expressed that there are some items that she would like to discuss further. She asked for an update on the beautification of Atlantic Blvd. and asked for clarification of the Planning Commissioners role in the decision making for this project. Staff explained their role as it pertains to certain projects and the City Attorney advised them that they can vote for an item be agendaized for discussion at a future meeting. Vice Chairperson Lainez motioned and Commissioner Serfozo seconded the motion for an item to be placed on a future agenda regarding the Atlantic Blvd Beautification Project. Commissioner Serfoza also inquired about the new Director of Economic Development.

Vice Chairperson Lainez reported that there is a building at the south end of Washington east of the I-710 freeway that looks as the corner is falling apart and in need of repair. Staff provided some information regarding this. He also inquired about the possibility of having a Day Park in Commerce; the status of a

new appointment to the Planning Commission since Robert Argumendo resigned; and asked for an update on the General Plan.

Chairperson Gonzalez share that there is a workshop coming up called Communicating with Decision Makers which will be held at UCLA Public Affairs. He also asked that the others share if they see any interesting trainings or workshops.

STAFF REPORTS

Deputy Director of Development Services Matt Marquez gave an update on the General Plan & Zoning Ordinance Update. He informed the Commission that there is a Kick-off Meeting scheduled with the consultants MIG to discuss steps and timeline to get the ball rolling. He also informed the Commissioners of the upcoming California APA Conference that will be taking place in October in San Diego. The City will be taking part in a session regarding environmental justice and its role in Planning. Lastly, regarding economic development, he informed the Commission that staff attended the ICSC RECon in Las Vegas. It is the world's largest gathering of retailers which can be used to recruit businesses and developers to come to the City of Commerce. He mentioned that they met a lot of people with interest in the City of Commerce. Mr. Marquez also provided the Commission with some copies of a pamphlet that was given out at the conference regarding potential opportunity sites in the City and it provided an overview of the City.

ADJOURNMENT

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

AYES: Chairperson Gonzalez, Vice Chairperson Lainez,
and Commissioner Serfozo (3)

NOES: None (0)

ABSTAIN: None (0)

ABSENT: Annelle Grajeda (1)

Vice Chairperson Lainez adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m. to June 27, 2018.