



MINUTES

CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 15th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Huntington Park City Hall
City Council Chambers
6550 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, California 90255

Chairperson Ricardo Barba-Ochoa called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

PRESENT IN PERSON: Chairperson Ricardo Barba-Ochoa, Commissioner Adrian Tarango, and Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director, Steve Forster, and Associate Planner, Lemessis Quintero, and Assistant Planner Jordan Martinez.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Barba-Ochoa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT ITEMS – Approve Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:

1. Regular Planning Commission Meeting held on March 20, 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa to approve Minutes. Motion **passed 1-0-2**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal
Commissioner Adrian Tarango

REGULAR AGENDA

1. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR.

Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal has nominated Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa to serve as the Chairperson of the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Adrian Tarango to nominate Ricardo Barba-Ochoa to be chairperson for the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal. Motion **passed 3-0-0**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa
Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal
Commissioner Adrian Tarango

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

ABSTAINED: Commissioner(s): None

The Action concerning the nomination for Vice Chair for the Planning Commission was postponed for a future Planning Commission Meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

1. CASE NO. 2024-01 VESTING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (VTPM) – A REQUEST FOR A VESTING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP FOR THE PARCELS LOCATED AT 2501-2533 EAST 56TH STREET, LOCATED WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (MPD) ZONE.

Assistant Planner Jordan Martinez delivered a comprehensive presentation to the Commission via PowerPoint, outlining the request for a request for a vesting tentative parcel map for the parcels located at 2501-2533 East 56th Street. During the presentation, Assistant Planner Martinez provided background information on the property and its current conditions. Additionally, Mr. Martinez elaborated on various aspects of the project, including project proposal and analysis. Supporting the presentation, Mr. Martinez included site photographs, and the findings that can be made in support of the project. As a recommendation, Mr. Martinez proposed the adoption of PC Case No. 2024-01 VTPM.

Applicant Brian Wong approached the stand and spoke in favor of his project, expressing his excitement about getting it underway.

Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal motioned to **Approve** continuing **CASE NO. 2024-01 VESTING TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (VTPM)**, seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa.

Motion **passed 3-0-0**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa
Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal
Commissioner Adrian Tarango

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

2. CASE NO. 2024-02 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) – A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN/ COMMISSARY AND COLD STORAGE FACILITY LOCATED AT 1961 HAWKINS CIRCLE, BLDG 5, WITHIN THE MANUFACTURING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (MPD) ZONE.

Associate Planner Lemessis Quintero presented a PowerPoint to the Commission detailing the request for a conditional use permit to establish a commercial kitchen/commissary and cold storage facility at 1961 Hawkins Circle. She provided background information on the property and its current conditions. Ms. Quintero noted that all six findings supported the proposed project. She recommended that the Planning Commission adopt PC Resolution No. 2024-02 CUP, subject to the proposed conditions of approval, to permit the commercial kitchen/commissary at the specified location.

Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal motioned to **Approve** continuing **CASE NO. 2024-02 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)** seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa.

Motion **passed 3-0-0,** by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa
Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal
Commissioner Adrian Tarango

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

3. CASE NO. 2024-04 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) – A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE ON-SALE OF BEER AND WINE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN EXISTING RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 2975 EAST FLORENCE AVENUE, WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE.

Assistant Planner Jordan Martinez delivered a comprehensive PowerPoint presentation to the Commission, outlining the request for a conditional use permit for the on-sale of beer and wine at an existing restaurant located at 2975 E. Florence Avenue. During the presentation, Mr. Martinez provided background information on the property and its current conditions, elaborated on various aspects of the project proposal and analysis, and included site photographs. He also detailed the findings that support the project. Mr. Martinez recommended approving PC Case No. 2024-04 CUP.

Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal motioned to **Approve** continuing **CASE NO. 2024-04 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)** seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa. Motion **passed 3-0-0**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa
Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal
Commissioner Adrian Tarango

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

4. CASE NO. 2023-09 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP) – A REQUEST FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A TYPE 21 (OFF-SALE GENERAL) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) LICENSE IN CONNECTION WITH A CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT 3372 E. GAGE AVENUE WITHIN COMMERCIAL GENERAL (C-G) ZONE.

Associate Planner Lemessis Quintero presented a PowerPoint to the Commission detailing the request for a conditional use permit to allow a Type 21 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) license. She provided background information on the property and its current conditions, noting that all six findings supported the proposed project. Ms. Quintero recommended that the Planning Commission adopt PC Resolution No. 2023-09 CUP, subject to the proposed conditions of approval, to permit a Type 21 (Off-Sale General) ABC license in connection with a convenience store located at 3372 E. Gage Ave within the Commercial General (C-G) Zone.

Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal motioned to **Approve** continuing **CASE NO. 2023-09 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP)** seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa.

Motion **passed 3-0-0**, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Commissioner Ricardo Barba-Ochoa
Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal
Commissioner Adrian Tarango

NOES: Commissioner(s): None

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): None

PUBLIC HEARING & QUESTIONS

RECEIVE AND FILE – None

STAFF COMMENTS

Community Development Director Steve Forster announced that Mr. Paul Bollier has recently been promoted to Planning Manager while continuing in his role as Acting Code Enforcement Manager. Mr. Forster commended his staff for their outstanding work.

Additionally, Mr. Forster provided updates on several items:

- A kick-off meeting has been held with the contractor responsible for rehabilitating all streets, intersections, and sidewalks from city limit to city limit along Slauson. This project is funded by grants.
- Businesses like Raising Canes and Farmer Boys have proven to be successful additions to the City.
- Anticipation is high for new developments to commence along Pacific Blvd.
- Planning Staff and Mr. Forster will be attending the ICSC Convention in Las Vegas from May 19 to May 21, offering further opportunities for the City.

PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Barba-Ochoa expressed his gratitude to the staff for their consistently excellent work. He welcomed Planning Commissioner Tarango and wished him the best of luck in making decisions that will benefit the City. Mr. Barba-Ochoa congratulated Mr. Bollier on his promotion to Planning Manager.
2. Commissioner Eduardo Carvajal thanked the staff and Community Development Director Steve Forster for their incredible leadership and the excellent team they have assembled.

3. Commissioner Adrian Tarango expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Planning Commission and the warm welcome from staff. Mr. Tarango congratulated Mr. Bollier on his promotion to Planning Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:30 p.m. the City of Huntington Park Planning Commission adjourned to a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Forster', with a large loop and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Steve Forster
Community Development Director