

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA PALMA PLANNING COMMISSION

April 5, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Goedhart called the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission to order at 7:26 p.m. in the Council Chambers of La Palma City Hall, 7822 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commission Member Shanahan

INVOCATION: Pastor John Kim, Cottonwood Church

ROLL CALL: Commission Members

Commission Members present: Chairperson Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Commission Member Kim, Commission Member Shanahan, and Vice Chairperson Steggell

Commission Members absent: None

City Officials present: Laurie A. Murray, City Manager
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney
Mike McCrary, Interim Police Chief
Sea Shelton, Administrative Services Director
Scott Hutter, Associate Planner
James Tsumura, Water Supervisor
Kimberly Kenney, Deputy City Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

PL-1. Approval of Planning Commission Minutes

Minutes of the March 15, 2016, Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission.

Commission Member Kim made a motion to approve Consent Calendar Item PL-1.

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairperson Steggell and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Council Member Kim, Council Member Shanahan, and Mayor Pro Tem Steggell

NOES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PL-2. Amendment to Precise Plan 279 Incorporating a 55 Foot Clock Tower Telecommunications Facility into the Proposed Gateway Retail Center located 5100 Orangethorpe Avenue.

- a) Chairperson Goedhart opened the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.
- b) Associate Planner Hutter gave the Staff Report
- c) Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding assurance that the time would be correct on the proposed clock; that the wireless carrier is responsible for the accuracy of the clock; and that the clock is computer controlled.

- d) Public Input:

Lisa Desmond, representing Verizon Wireless, addressed the Planning Commission regarding the increased coverage to wireless customers by having this clock tower; that they are compliant with all FCC standards; that 40% of all homes are run on wireless phones only; assurance that amplified coverage will ensure that 9-1-1 calls get through.

Discussion ensued regarding the cell tower being placed inside the clock tower walls; that the cell tower is not visible to the public; and that the clock will be digitally controlled.

William Desmond, representing Verizon Wireless and responsible for the acquisition, engineering, and design of the facility, addressed the Planning Commission regarding the mechanism inside the clock that controls all four faces of the clock on the tower in synchronization; and that the clock's technology will automatically reset to daylight saving time when appropriate.

Jerry Lomeli, a La Palma resident, addressed the Planning Commission regarding the previously noted Cerritos residents' traffic safety concerns across the way from the McDonalds driveway; that a signal should be

considered for those who are trying to come out of the adjacent housing tract.

City Manager Murray responded that the Cerritos residents in question spoke with Community Services Director Belknap and have been put in touch with Cerritos Staff to address their traffic concerns.

Wally Zimmerman, a La Palma resident, addressed the Planning Commission regarding the traffic concerns with the approved remodel of McDonalds and the additional buildings.

Discussion ensued regarding a traffic safety study that was conducted as part of the Planning Commission's original project approval; that the traffic issues were already mitigated; and that the McDonald's remodel project will be starting shortly.

- e) Chairperson Goedhart closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.
- f) Resolution No. PC 2016-06 approving the Amendment to Precise Plan 279 incorporating a 55 foot clock tower telecommunications facility into the proposed Gateway Retail Center at 5100 Orangethorpe Avenue.

Commission Member Kim made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2016-06 approving the Amendment to Precise Plan 279 incorporating a 55 foot clock tower telecommunications facility into the proposed Gateway Retail Center at 5100 Orangethorpe Avenue.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Hwangbo and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Commission Member Kim, Commission Member Shanahan, and Vice Chairperson Steggell

NOES: None

PL-3. Amendment to Precise Plan (PPA) 056 to Allow for Façade Renovations to an Existing 2,500 Square Foot Commercial Lease Space located at 5418 La Palma Avenue, La Palma, CA 90623 (Assessor's Parcel Number: 262-102-15)

- a) Chairperson Goedhart opened the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.
- b) Associate Planner Hutter gave the Staff Report
- c) Commission Comments and Questions:

Discussion ensued regarding support to modernize that area of the shopping center; that the project has great outdoor appeal; and hopeful that this project will encourage adjacent property owners to do the same.

d) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

e) Chairperson Goedhart closed the Public Hearing 7:45 p.m.

f) Resolution No. PC 2016-07 approving Precise Plan Amendment 056 for a façade renovation at 5418 La Palma Avenue, La Palma, CA.

Commission Member Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2016-07 approving Precise Plan Amendment 056 for a façade renovation at 5418 La Palma Avenue, La Palma, CA.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Kim and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Commission Member Kim, Commission Member Shanahan, and Vice Chairperson Steggell

NOES: None

PL-4. Code Amendment - An Ordinance Amending Provisions of the La Palma City Code Chapters 2 (Administration), 8 (Animal Control), and 44 (Zoning) to Eliminate the Planning Commission and Transfer its Existing Authority to the City Council as the City's New Planning Agency

a) Chairperson Goedhart opened the Public Hearing at 7:46 p.m.

b) City Manager Murray gave the Staff Report

c) Commission Comments and Questions:

None.

d) Public Input:

No members of the public wished to speak.

- e) Chairperson Goedhart closed the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding support for the elimination of the Planning Commission because of the size of the City and development activity.

- f) Resolution No. PC 2016-08 recommending that the City Council approve an Ordinance amending provisions of the La Palma City Code Chapters 2, 8, and 44 to eliminate the Planning Commission and transfer its existing authority to the City Council as the City's new Planning Agency.

Commission Member Hwangbo made a motion to adopt Resolution No. PC 2016-08 recommending that the City Council approve an Ordinance amending provisions of the La Palma City Code Chapters 2, 8, and 44 to eliminate the Planning Commission and transfer its existing authority to the City Council as the City's new Planning Agency.

The motion was seconded by Commission Member Kim and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Chairperson Goedhart, Commission Member Hwangbo, Commission Member Kim, Commission Member Shanahan, and Vice Chairperson Steggell

NOES: None

REGULAR ITEMS

None Scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Goedhart adjourned the Regular Meeting of the La Palma Planning Commission at 7:49 p.m.

Gerard Goedhart
Chairperson

Attest:

Kimberly Kenney
Deputy City Clerk