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Action Minutes - Draft

Planning Commission

Chair
Peter Hoffman

Vice Chair
Marie Rice

Commissioners
David Pedersen
Kate Hirsh
Stephen Izant

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hoffman at 7:00 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair Rice.

III. ROLL CALL

Assistant Planner Jake Whitney announced a quorum.

All Planning Commissioners attended in-person in the Council Chambers.

Staff Present:

Carrie Tai, Community Development Director
Ali Tehrani, City Attorney
Alexis Oropeza, Planning Manager
Maricela Guillean, Associate Planner
Jake Whitney, Assistant Planner

Present: 5 - Commissioner Kate Hirsh, Commissioner Stephen Izant, Vice Chair Marie Rice, Chair Peter Hoffman, and Commissioner David Pedersen

Absent: 0

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -- ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public comments at this time.

- a. [REPORT](#) WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
[24-0095](#) (Administrative Assistant Melanie Hurtado)

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. [REPORT](#)
[24-0085](#) ACTION MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 2023
(Administrative Assistant Melanie Hurtado)

**A motion was made to approve recommendation on the Consent Calendar.
Motion carried as follows:**

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hirsh, Commissioner Izant, Chair Hoffman, and Commissioner Pedersen

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Vice Chair Rice

VI. STAFF ITEMS

- a. [REPORT](#)
[24-0061](#) TRI-ANNUAL REPORT FOR ON-SALE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS REPORTING PERIOD OF
JULY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023
(Assistant Planner Jake Whitney)

Assistant Planner Jake Whitney presented a presentation.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Public comment was provided by:

- 1. Adam Koslin
- 2. Raymond Dussault

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Commissioner Izant provided comment.

Director Tai provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Commissioner Hirsh provided comment.

Director Tai provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Director Tai provided comment.

Commissioner Izant provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Motion by Commissioner Pedersen and seconded by Vice Chair Rice to receive and file the Tri-Annual Report. Motion carried as follows:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hirsh, Commissioner Izant, Vice Chair Rice, Chair Hoffman, and Commissioner Pedersen

Absent: 0

- b. [REPORT](#) A PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN (PDP 19-3) TO EXPAND AN
[24-0046](#) EXISTING POWER-FEED EQUIPMENT (PFE) FACILITY WITHIN AN
EXISTING BUILDING AT 1601 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY IN SPECIFIC
PLAN AREA NO. 8 (SPA-8). THE PFE IS A PART OF THE
TRANSPACIFIC FIBER-OPTIC CABLES PROJECT TO INSTALL AND
OPERATE TWO SUBSEA CABLES SYSTEM CONNECTING THE
UNITED STATES TO LOCATIONS ON THE WESTERN PACIFIC RIM
RUNNING BENEATH THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND GREENBELT
WITH A LANDING SITE AT ONE OF TWO PROPOSED LOCATIONS -
6TH STREET (OPTION A) OR 10TH STREET (OPTION B) BETWEEN
HERMOSA AVENUE AND MANHATTAN AVENUE.
(Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza)

Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza presented a presentation.

Public comments were provided by:

- 1. Chris Brungardt**
- 2. Scott Sorenson**
- 3. Stephen Chick**
- 4. Peter Tucker**

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Applicant Chris Brungardt provided comment.

Commissioner Pedersen provided comment.

Director Tai provided comment.

Commissioner Pedersen provided comment.

Applicant Chris Brungardt provided comment.

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Commissioner Pedersen provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Vice Chair Rice provided comment.

Applicant Chris Brungardt provided comment.

Commissioner Pedersen provided comment.

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Commissioner Pedersen provided comment.

Applicant Chris Brungardt provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Commissioner Izant provided comment.

Planning Manager Alexis Oropeza provided comment.

Commissioner Izant provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Commissioner Izant provided comment.

Commissioner Hirsh provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Commissioner Pedersen provided comment.

Commissioner Hoffman provided comment.

Vice Chair Rice provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Motion by Commissioner Hirsh and seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to adopt a resolution certifying the Environmental Impact Report (State Clearinghouse No. 2019080175), making findings of fact, adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the transpacific fiber-optic cables project. Motion carried as follows:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hirsh, Commissioner Izant, Vice Chair Rice, Chair Hoffman, and Commissioner Pedersen

Absent: 0

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Commissioner Izant provided comment.

Motion by Commissioner Izant and seconded by Vice Chair Rice to adopt a resolution approving Precise Development Plan 19-13 with conditions of approval for the construction and operation of an expanded Power Feed Equipment Facility at an existing building at 1601 Pacific Coast Highway. Motion carried as follows:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hirsh, Commissioner Izant, Vice Chair Rice, Chair Hoffman, and Commissioner Pedersen

Absent: 0

c. VERBAL REPORT ON CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Director Tai provided an updated on the Pedone's CUP Modification public hearing at the City Council meeting on January 23, 2024. City Council upheld the recommended 7-day suspension. They also altered the proposed hours for online-only food delivery. Online-only food delivery will be allowed on Sunday through Thursday after 11:00 P.M. and on Friday & Saturday from midnight to 2:00 A.M.

City Council also approved the short-term rental ordinance refinements and those will take effect at the end of February.

At the City Council meeting on February 15, 2024, City Council requested an item on ground floor businesses in light of the numerous vacancies.

Council also approved new meeting protocols regarding public participation during meetings. The public participation comment period at the beginning of the meeting will allow 2-minute comments per person, for up to a total of 30 minutes. If there are still additional public comments after the 30 minute time allotment, those comments will be heard at the end of the meeting in an additional public comment period (when needed).

d. STATUS REPORT ON MAJOR PLANNING PROJECTS

Director Tai updated that the City resubmitted the Housing Element two weeks ago and are awaiting a response.

Commissioner Izant provided comments.

Director Tai provided comments.

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Director Tai provided comments.

Commissioner Pedersen provided comments.

Director Tai provided comments.

Chair Hoffman provided comments.

Director Tai provided comments.

Chair Hoffman provided comments.

e. [REPORT 24-0086](#) PLANNING COMMISSION TENTATIVE FUTURE AGENDA (Administrative Assistant Melanie Hurtado)

Director Tai provided comments.

Motion by Vice Chair Rice and seconded by Commissioner Pedersen to receive and file the March 19, 2024 Planning Commission tentative future agenda. Motion carried as follows:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hirsh, Commissioner Izant, Vice Chair Rice, Chair Hoffman, and Commissioner Pedersen

Absent: 0

VII. COMMISSIONER ITEMS

a. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Commissioner Izant provided comment.

Vice Chair Rice provided comment.

Commissioner Izant provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

Vice Chair Rice provided comment.

Chair Hoffman provided comment.

b. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Pedersen and seconded by Vice Chair Rice to adjourn the meeting until the next Planning Commission meeting on March 19, 2024.

Motion carried as follow:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Hirsh, Commissioner Izant, Vice Chair Rice, Chair Hoffman, and Commissioner Pedersen

Absent: 0

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Hoffman at 8:20 P.M.