

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LA MIRADA**

JUNE 20, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Scott Anderson in Council Chambers at City Hall, 13700 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairman Scott Anderson
Vice Chairman Michael Saenz
Commissioner Matthew Morse
Commissioner Lee Olsen

Absent:

Commissioner Steve Soto

Staff:

Gabriel Bautista, Community Development Director
Eric Garcia, Associate Planner
Arturo Cervantes, Administrative Analyst II
Norma Stein, Secretary

REORGANIZATION

1. ANNUAL REORGANIZATION

The nominations for Planning Commission Chairman were opened.

Commissioner Olsen nominated Commissioner Saenz as Chairman. Commissioner Anderson seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Morse, Commissioner Olsen, Commissioner Saenz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Soto

ABSTAIN: None

Chairman Saenz opened the nominations for Vice Chairman.

Commissioner Anderson nominated Commissioner Soto as Vice Chairman. Chairman Saenz seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Saenz, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Morse, Commissioner Olsen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Soto
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Due to abstentions and absences, the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting could not be approved by a majority of the Commissioners present. All present Commissioners agreed to continue the minutes to the next Planning Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

3. PLANNING CASE – GENERAL PLAN CONFORMANCE REPORT

Community Development Director Gabriel Bautista provided a brief review of the staff report via a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Bautista stated that the applicant is the City of La Mirada and that the request is for Planning Commission consideration of Resolution No. P-03-19, finding that the disposition and acquisition of land between the City of La Mirada and County of Los Angeles is in conformance with the City of La Mirada General Plan. Mr. Bautista added that the General Plan Conformance report being considered had previously been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission, but that due to modifications in the land area being exchanged, the report needed to be reconsidered by the commission.

Mr. Bautista explained that the first of the two effected parcel is Assessor's Parcel Number 8038-005-963 which encompasses "Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center," a portion of parking lots for the center, the Sheriff's Sub-Station, the gymnasium, and the La Mirada Activity Center. He also explained that the second effected parcel is Assessor's Parcel Number 8038-005-962 which includes a portion of County of Los Angeles Regional Park.

Mr. Bautista explained that under the revised agreement the proposed exchange of land will involve 57,113 square feet of city land that will go to the County of Los Angeles, and 59,903 square feet of county land that will go to the city.

Commissioner Olsen stated that the area being granted to the County appeared to include an area previously contemplated for an additional pool.

Mr. Bautista responded and stated that while an additional pool was contemplated under the original layout, he was not aware of any plans to move forward with the installation of the additional pool.

Mr. Bautista mentioned that in order to sustain community interest and attendance levels at "Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatics Center," the City of La Mirada Community Services Department is contemplating the addition of a new waterslide feature. The new waterslide will be integrated into the "Buccaneer Bay" section of the aquatics center, along the center's north boundary.

Mr. Bautista reviewed the parameters and design of the new waterslide. He added that the proposed land exchange will provide the area necessary to accommodate the waterslide. He also stated that while the finding of conformance with the General Plan is under the Planning Commission's review authority, the specific layout, design, location and environmental impact of the waterslide will be considered by the City Council under separate action.

Mr. Bautista stated that the City of La Mirada General Plan land use designation for the land area being transferred between the City and the County is "Parks and Open Space" and that the zoning designation for the land is "Open Space." He also stated that there is no intention to amend the General Plan or Zoning designation for any of the land area being transferred. Mr. Bautista added that the land will continue to be used for parks and recreation purposes.

Mr. Bautista stated that pursuant to Government Code Section 65402, a General Plan finding of conformance is required for the city and county to dispose of and acquire land. He concluded by recommending that the Planning Commission affirm the Categorical Exemption and Resolution No. P-03-19 finding that the disposition and acquisition of land between the City of La Mirada and County of Los Angeles is in conformance with the General Plan.

There being no discussion, Chairman Saenz requested a motion.

Commissioner Olsen moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded to adopt the Categorical Exemption; and adopt Resolution No. P-03-19 finding that the disposition and acquisition of land between the City of La Mirada and County of Los Angeles is in conformance with the General Plan.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Saenz, Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Morse,
Commissioner Olsen
NOES: None
ABSENT: Vice Chairman Soto
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Olsen congratulated Chairman Saenz on his new appointment.

Chairman Saenz welcomed Commissioner Morse to the Planning Commission. He also thanked the City and staff for all the support during a difficult time.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Bautista congratulated Chairman Saenz on his new appointment and thanked Commissioner Anderson for his service as Chairman during the previous year. He also welcomed Commissioner Morse.

Mr. Bautista gave a brief update on the status of current projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Planning Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. to the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, July 19, 2018.

Submitted:



Gabriel Bautista
Community Development Director

Attest:



Michael Saenz Chairman