

HAWTHORNE PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Juan Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm in the Council Chambers, Hawthorne City Hall, and 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Senior Planner Chris Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance

C. ROLL CALL

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| PRESENT: | Chairperson Juan Ortiz Commissioner Rula Alshanableh Commissioner Patrick T. Carey Commissioner Robert Smith |
| EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: | Planning Director Brian James Assistant City Attorney Melissa Crosthwaite |
| STAFF: | Planning Director Brian James Senior Planner Christopher Palmer |

D. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No Communications

E. RECESS AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Planning Commission and Airport Zoning Commission minutes for the regular meeting of September 6, 2017
 2. Approval of Planning Commission and Airport Zoning Commission minutes for the regular meeting of September 20, 2017
- 1. Motion to Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of September 6, 2017, by Commissioner Smith and Second by Commissioner Carey.**

Yes: Alshanableh, Smith, Ortiz, Carey

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Talleda

2. Motion to Approve the minutes for the regular meeting of September 20, 2017, by Commissioner Carey and Second by Commissioner Alshanableh.

Yes: Alshanableh, Ortiz, Carey

No:

Abstain: Smith

Absent: Talleda

G. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

No items

H. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Zone Text Amendment 2017ZA04

Planning Director James presented the proposed amendment to the Municipal Code to prohibit non-medical marijuana businesses and regulate the indoor/outdoor cultivation of non-medical marijuana in private residences. The Planning Commission discussed theft and fire issues related to marijuana businesses and options to bring this ordinance back after the new non-medical marijuana market has had a chance to stabilize and after getting an opportunity to see the effectiveness of new regulations in other jurisdictions.

Mike Bernie spoke in opposition to the proposed Ordinance and informed the Commission that the citizens of Hawthorne overwhelmingly supported Proposition 64 and of the revenue realized in the State of Colorado by the legalization of non-medical marijuana. He reminded the Commission that the City allows bars and retail sales of alcohol and stated that the non-medical marijuana market will be similar.

Motion by Chairperson Ortiz and Second by Commissioner Carey to approve Resolution 2017-21 recommending that the City Council approve Zone Text Amendment 2017ZA04 with the recommendation that Staff be directed to monitor and bring back information on the performance of the new non-medical marijuana market (enforcement issues, city revenues, trends, safety issues, etc...) and regulations for potential reconsideration of the prohibition on commercial non-medical marijuana in approximately June/July of 2018.

Yes: Alshanableh, Smith, Ortiz, Carey

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Talleda

2. Billboard Agreement 2017BA02

Senior Planner Palmer presented an agreement to construct and operate a double-faced digital billboard within the Freeway Overlay Zone at 14901 Inglewood Avenue. The Commission discussed the size and dimensions of the proposed billboard, and the safety requirements related to animation, brightness, and movement of the advertisements. The Commission supported the fact that revenue would be shared with the school district as well as the City.

Scott Sheldon, applicant, answered questions regarding limitations on brightness, Caltrans approval requirements, and effectiveness of LED signs versus the old florescent lights.

Motion by Commissioner Smith and Second by Commissioner Carey to adopt Resolution 2017-22 recommending City Council approval of Billboard Agreement 2017ZA02.

Yes: Alshanableh, Smith, Ortiz, Carey

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Talleda

3. Zone Amendment 2017ZA05 and Change of Zone 2017CZ01

The Commission discussed why this item was not going before the Airport Commission (because it is changing the Zoning Code and Zoning Map).

Motion by Commissioner Smith and Second by Commissioner Alshanableh to continue the public hearing and this item to the next regularly scheduled hearing on October 18, 2017.

Yes: Alshanableh, Smith, Ortiz, Carey

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Talleda

I. RECESS THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND CALL BACK TO ORDER THE AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION

J. AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION CONCENT CALENDAR

No items

K. AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION NEW/CONTINUED ITEMS

No items

L. CALL BACK TO ORDER THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONCURRENTLY WITH THE AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION

M. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

No items

N. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Chairperson Ortiz asked staff to investigate if the Cockatoo sign had been removed. Staff will investigate and report back on October 18, 2017.

Chairperson Ortiz asked staff to outline the powers and duties of the Airport Commission.

Commissioner Alshanaheh asked that the City consider the events in Las Vegas.

O. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.



Chairperson Juan Ortiz
Hawthorne Planning Commission

Date signed: 10/18/17

ATTEST:



Brian James
Secretary, Hawthorne Planning Commission

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As noted in Item N above.

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Chairperson Juan Ortiz
Hawthorne Airport Zoning Commission

Date signed: 11/1/17

ATTEST:



Brian James
Secretary, Hawthorne Airport Zoning Commission