

HAWTHORNE PLANNING COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Pat Carey called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers, Hawthorne City Hall, and 4455 West 126th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ortiz led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairperson Pat Carey
Vice-Chairperson Ortiz
Commissioner Rula Alshanableh
Commissioner Robert Smith
Commissioner Mike Talleda

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Planning Director Gregg McClain
Assistant City Attorney Melissa Crosthwaite

STAFF:

Associate Planner Maria Majcherek

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Minutes of April 20, 2016

Motion to Approve by Commissioner Ortiz, second by Commissioner Smith.

Yes: Alshanableh, Smith, Talleda, Ortiz, Carey

No:

Abstain:

Approval of Minutes of May 4, 2016

Motion to Approve by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Alshanableh.

Yes: Alshanableh, Smith, Talleda, Carey

No:

Abstain: Ortiz

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Zoning Text Amendment 2016ZA05

Planning Associate Majcherek introduced this proposed ordinance concerning the approval process of electronic message center (EMC) signs. The EMC approval process was originally approved on June 28, 2011, requiring a conditional use permit (CUP). The proposed amendment would remove the CUP requirement. Associate Planner Majcherek stated that there were a few more minor changes added in to this resolution to ensure that EMCs will not become a burden on surrounding uses. Ms. Majcherek gave examples of the changes, noting that audio is expressly prohibited and the visual messages cannot change faster than every 5 seconds. Ms. Majcherek introduced another requirement that all EMCs must incorporate dimming technology. She stated that this was not a standard feature of EMCs in 2011 but is now. Also, the City will now require the signs to display a black screen in cases of malfunction.

Commissioner Ortiz inquired if the equation in the HMC is still necessary. Planning Director McClain stated it is because it informs us where to stand in relation to the sign when taking a light measurement.

Motion to approve the resolution that recommends to the City Council approval of the draft ordinance made by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Alshanableh.

Yes: Alshanableh, Smith, Talleda, Ortiz, Carey

No:

Abstain:

NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Zoning Code Amendment 2016ZA06

Planning Director McClain stated that after the adoption of the Downtown Hawthorne Specific Plan it is necessary now for the City to adopt new zoning regulations in the area of the mall and to the north of it. He stated that the mall area is designated to be a mixed use area. Mr. McClain stated he drafted an ordinance that creates a new zone called "commercial mixed" to be known as the "CM zone," and much of the content in this chapter focuses on design issues.

Planning Director McClain went on to explain that an ordinance to create a Design Review Board (DRB) was also in the drafting stage. He said that once the DRB is constituted and functional, the design portion of the new CM zone would be removed. In light of the DRB recently becoming a higher priority, he asked that action on the CM zone be continued so that the DRB ordinance can be completed and the two ordinances can be considered together. This would mean the design portion of the CM can be removed prior to its initial adoption.

Motion to continue to June 1, 2016m made by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Ortiz.

Yes: Alshanableh, Smith, Talleda, Ortiz, Carey
No:
Abstain:

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Talleda asked that a discussion of the tenure of residential units to be built at the mall site be put on the next agenda for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.



FOR _____
Chairperson Patrick T. Carey (JUAN ORTIZ)
Hawthorne Planning Commission

Date signed: 6/1/16

ATTEST:



Gregg McClain
Secretary, Hawthorne Planning Commission

HAWTHORNE AIRPORT ZONING COMMISSION

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Abstain: Ortiz

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Chairperson Patrick T. Carey
Hawthorne Airport Zoning Commission

Date signed: 6/15/2016

ATTEST:


Gregg McClain
Secretary, Hawthorne Airport Zoning Commission

