

MINUTES
OXNARD PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2019

A. ROLL CALL

At 7:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard Planning Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Chair Vincent Stewart, Vice Chair Orlando Dozier, Commissioners Sanchez, Huber, Fuhring, and Frank were present. Commissioner Chua was absent. Staff members present were Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director, Ken Rozell, Assistant City Attorney, Doug Spondello, Principal Planner, Scott Swenson, Consultant, Randy Baez, Assistant Planner, and Dee Lai, Recording Secretary. Chair Stewart presided and called the meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Commissioner Huber led the pledge of allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the Agenda

No public comments were received.

D. READING OF AGENDA

Kathleen reviewed the agenda.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 21, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Frank moved and Commissioner Fuhring seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2019. The question was called and the motion carried 6:0:1. Commissioner Chua was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 4, 2019

MOTION: Commissioner Sanchez moved and Commissioner Fuhring seconded a motion to approve the minutes of April 4, 2019. The question was called and the motion carried 5:0:1:1. Commissioner Frank abstained and Commissioner Chua was absent.

F. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1.** PLANNING AND ZONING PERMIT NO. 18-510-05 (Special Use Permit). A request for approval of a Special Use Permit (SUP) to allow the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for on-site consumption (ABC License Type-47 On-Sale General – Eating Place) at an existing 5,400 square-foot restaurant (Café Amri), located in The Palms Marketplace at 2000 Outlet Center Dr. # 295. Filed by Designated Agent Edward Castillo, 811 Raft Lane, Oxnard CA 93035, on behalf of the property owner.

Project Planner: Randy Baez

Commissioner Huber stated that he had ex parte communication for item F1. He commented that he met with the applicant's representative, Edward Castillo but they both agreed not to discuss the project. He also commented that he visited Café Amri to check out the layout and met with the owners and they only talked about the conditions which were in the staff report.

Randy Baez provided a powerpoint presentation outlining the request.

The Planning Commission discussed and inquired about several topics, including: hours of operation for the public and for private events; police standard conditions of approval on food menu with alcohol sales; whether there are special events currently existing at restaurant; the frequency of special event operations after 11 p.m.; responsible beverage server classes; the locations of the 73 crimes/statistics within the vicinity of the area and the type 70 restricted licenses which exist at some hotels.

All the Commissioners questions and concerns were addressed.

Chair Stewart opened the public comment.

There were no public speakers.

Chair Stewart closed the public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Frank moved and Commissioner Fuhring seconded a motion to adopt a resolution approving PZ 18-510-05 (Special Use Permit). The question was called and the motion carried 6:0:1. Commissioner Chua was absent.

- 2.** PLANNING AND ZONING PERMIT NO. 19-580-02 (Zone Text Amendment). The proposed Zone Text Amendment (ZTA) modifies Oxnard City Code (OCC) Chapters 11 (Permits) and 16 (Zoning Code) to establish permitting and development requirements related to firearm ranges and businesses engaged in the sale of firearms and ammunition. Proposed modifications include OCC Chapter 11, Article VIII (Permits to Sell Concealable Firearms), OCC Section 16-10 (Definitions), OCC Chapter 16, Article V (Specific Use Requirements), and modifications to the conditionally permitted uses within the General Commercial (C-2), Limited Manufacturing (M-L), and Community Reserve (C-R) zoning districts. Filed by the City of Oxnard, Community Development Department, 214 South C Street, Oxnard, California 93030.

Project Planner: Doug Spondello

Doug Spondello provided a powerpoint presentation outlining the request.

The Planning Commission discussed and inquired about several topics, including: the reason why the City is allowing more land area for locating gun stores; the existing 6 gun businesses; the clarification and the definition of daycare facilities and churches; the option that the City has enough land area and to not provide anymore land for gun sales; sensitive uses given to transportation centers, auditoriums, theaters, airports, train stations, and places where people congregate; sensitive use buffers within residential zones be increase to 600 feet and 1000 feet; the frequency that the Police Chief receive and review DOJ (Department of Justice) reports; whether the Police Chief knows about vendors that are selling illegal guns; having better graphic representation of the buffer zones on the land use map; the relationship between violent gun crimes and the availability of guns; guns shows; restrictions on the type of ammo, guns and weapons that are allowed to be sold; and the community workshop outreach method.

All the Commissioners questions and concerns were addressed.

Chair Stewart opened the public testimony.

Public testimonies were received from Steve Nash and Pat Brown.

Chair Stewart closed the public testimony.

MOTION 1: Commissioner Frank moved and Chair Stewart seconded a motion that the City Council consider the option of the prohibition of additional gun sales in the City of Oxnard and that the 6 existing businesses are enough. The question was called and the motion carried: 4:2:1. Commissioner Huber and Commissioner Sanchez voted no. Commissioner Chua was absent.

MOTION 2: Commissioner Huber moved and Commissioner Fuhring seconded a motion recommending to City Council approving PZ 19-580-02 (Zone Text Amendment) with the addition that the sensitive buffer zones be a minimum of 600 feet and that the transportation centers be included as sensitive uses. The question was called and motion carried: 5:1:1. Commissioner Frank voted no and Commissioner Chua was absent.

G. STUDY SESSION/REPORTS

None.

H. PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Huber commented that the Knights of Columbus Civic Nights is on June 10, 2019. He also stated that he has been approached by members of the public regarding items that will be coming to the Planning Commission. He stated that since he is not sure when will be his last day serving on the Planning Commission, he requested that the City notify him in advance so that he knows whether or not to meet with the public on items that will be coming to the Commission.

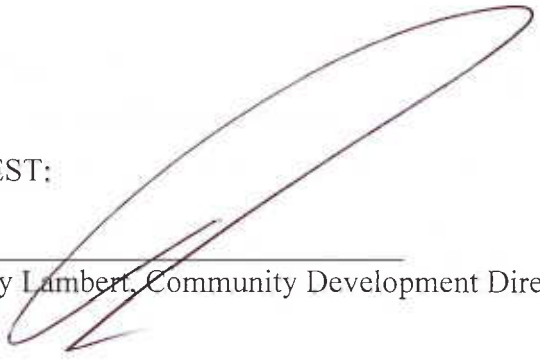
I. PLANNING MANAGER COMMENTS

Jeff Lambert, Community Development Director stated that the Cannabis item will be going to City Council in June and it doesn't include retail. The cannabis retail will come before the Commission in the Summer or early Fall. Jeff also commented that the City held a Community Workshop on the Fisherman's Wharf project a few weeks ago and it was well attended. He commented that Kathleen Mallory is no longer leaving the City. He said the City is restructuring and focusing on Climate Action Plan, Housing Element, and energy requirement. He said the City is starting to recruit for a new Planning Manager on Monday.

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:23 p.m., the Planning Commission concurred to adjourn.

ATTEST:



Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director



Vincent Stewart, Chair