

MINUTES
OXNARD PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 15, 2019

A. ROLL CALL

At 6:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Oxnard Planning Commission convened in the Council Chambers. Chair Frank, Vice Chair Chua, Commissioners Meyer, Sanchez, Fuhring, and Dozier were present. Absent Commissioner Meyer (arrived at 6:07 p.m.) Staff members present were Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director, Stephen Fischer, Assistant City Attorney, Thien Ng, Asst. PW Director, and Michelle Ascencion, Recording Secretary. Chair Frank presided and called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Fuhring led the pledge of allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the Agenda

None

D. READING OF AGENDA

The Community Development Director Jeff Lambert reviewed the agenda.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 1, 2019

G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. PLANNING AND ZONING PERMIT NO. Public Hearing to Received Public Comments on Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) No. 2019-01 for the City of Oxnard's Proposed Public Works Integrated Master Plan (PWIMP). The PWIMP provides a phased program over the next 15-20 years for constructing improvements to the City's infrastructure facilities that will accommodate planned growth while maintaining treatment reliability, meeting future regulatory requirements, and optimizing costs through the City's 2030 planning horizon. Specifically, the PWIMP addresses future planning needs including infrastructure additions and upgrades for City's water, wastewater, recycled water, and storm water utilities. The PWIMP builds upon previous planning efforts using a coordinated methodology, which will allow the City to take full advantage of potential linkages and synergies between the four water utility systems. In addition, the PWIMP is also coordinated with a streets plan in an attempt to allow timing of future streets upgrades to be tied together with infrastructure upgrades.

Filed by Thien Ng, Assistant Public Works Director.

Project Planner: Kathleen Mallory, Planning & Sustainability Manager

A PowerPoint presentation given by Asst. Public Works Director Ng and Consultant Steve Brown from SNB Consulting.

Discussion ensued among the Commission, staff and Mr. Brown.

Chair Frank opened public comments portion of the public hearing.
No comments received.

Chair Frank closed public testimony.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners and staff. No action was required.

2. Planning and Zoning Permit No. 19-580-05 (Zoning Text Amendment) – Zoning Text Amendment to Create Regulations for Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and Minor Modifications to Ord. 2960 pertaining to permitting of Manufacturing, Testing, and Distribution of cannabis. An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Oxnard amending specific sections of Article XVI, Chapter 11 of the Oxnard City Code regarding commercial cannabis activities and adding new regulations to allow retail cannabis uses in specific locations by amending Section 11-415(d), Section 11-415(h), Section 11-415(j); Section 11-416(a), Section 11-425, Section 11-426(a), Section 11-426(b), Section 11-433, Section 11-445, Section 11-446, Section 11-447, Section 11-448, Section 11-449, Section 11-450, Section 11-451, Section 11-452, Section 11-453; and adding Section 11-454, Section 11-455, Section 11-456, and 16-273 (c), and adding Sections 11-445 through 11-447 to permit retail cannabis through approval of a Special Use Permit; adding Section 16-173 regarding Development Design Review permit requirements for commercial cannabis activities in the BRP (Business and Research Park) zone, the M-L (Limited Manufacturing Zone), the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) zone, and the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone; amending Sections 4.2.1., b. (Auto Sales and Service), 4.2.2, b. (Business Park), 4.2.3., b (Retail Commercial), and 4.2.4., b. (Commercial Manufacturing) of the Rose Santa Clara Corridor Specific Plan subject to the requirements stipulated in Article XVI of Chapter 11; repealing Section 16-124(h) regarding the prohibition of cannabis uses in the C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center) zone; adding Section 16-131 regarding retail cannabis uses in the C-1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center) zone; repealing Section 16-143 regarding prohibiting cannabis uses in the C-2 (General Commercial) zone; and adding Section 16-136(a)(25) regarding retail cannabis uses in the C-2 (General Commercial) zone; and adding Section 11-442 (h), Section 11-443 (g), and Section 11-444 (n) pertaining to the required discretionary permit process for cannabis testing labs, distributors, and manufacturing. In accordance with California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq. and State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Sections 15000 et seq.), Planning staff have determined that the proposed zoning text amendment is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Sections 15061 and 15305 of Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations.

Filed by Ashley Golden, Assistant City Manager (“City”).

Project Planner: Kathleen Mallory, Planning & Sustainability Manager

The Planning & Sustainability Manager Mallory gave a PowerPoint presentation. Staff is presenting to the Planning Commission to create Regulations for Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and Minor Modifications to Ord. 2960 pertaining to permitting of Manufacturing, Testing, and Distribution of cannabis.

The Commissioners recessed the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Chair Frank opened the public testimony.

Public comments were received from Jackie Tedeschi, Robert Mulder, Ari Roughton, and Abel Magana.

Chair Frank closed the public testimony.

Planning Commission expressed support for changes to the draft retail cannabis ordinance to include a 600 foot retail buffer separation from residential uses, allowance of retail dispensaries in the newly created “downtown and downtown core areas”, and packaging limitations, as allowed by law to minimize the appearance of candy like products and flavored cannabis vaping products. The Commission also supported the amendments to Ordinance No. 2960 pertaining to manufacturing, testing, and distribution of cannabis. All the Commissioners questions and concerns were addressed.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Sanchez, seconded by Chair Frank to approve Planning and Zoning Permit No. 19-580-05 (Zoning Text Amendment) – Zoning Text Amendment to Create Regulations for Cannabis Retail Dispensaries and Minor Modifications to Ord. 2960 pertaining to permitting of Manufacturing, Testing, and Distribution of cannabis. An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Oxnard amending specific sections of Article XVI, Chapter 11 of the Oxnard City Code regarding commercial cannabis activities and adding new regulations to allow retail cannabis uses in specific locations and add retail cannabis ordinance to include a 600 foot retail buffer separation from residential uses, allowance of retail dispensaries in the newly created “downtown and downtown core areas”, and packaging limitations, as allowed by law to minimize the appearance of candy like products and flavored cannabis vaping products.

VOTE: Sanchez, Frank, Chua, Fuhring voted in favor, and Chavez, Dozier and Meyer voted against, the motion carried 4:3:0

- H. STUDY SESSION/REPORTS
- I. PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS
- J. PLANNING MANAGER COMMENTS

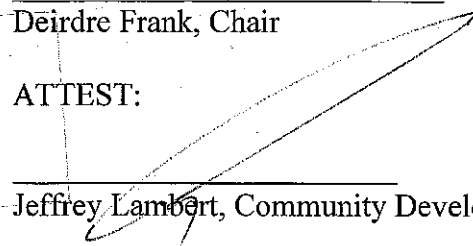
K. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 p.m., the Planning Commission concurred to adjourn.



Deirdre Frank, Chair

ATTEST:



Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director