



Coachella Civic Center, Hearing Room
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MINUTES

OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF COACHELLA
PLANNING COMMISSION

April 15, 2020
6:00 PM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, this meeting will be conducted by teleconference and there will be no in-person public access to the meeting location. You may submit your public comments to the Planning Commission electronically.

Material may be emailed to LLopez@coachella.org and ybecerril@coachella.org.

Transmittal prior to the start of the meeting is required. Any correspondence received during or after the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission and retained for the official record. You may provide telephonic comments by calling the Planning Department at (760)-398-3102 no later than 4:00 p.m. to be added to the public comment queue. At the appropriate time, you will be called so that you may provide your public testimony to the Planning Commission.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Coachella was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Coachella Permit Center at by Chair Soliz.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Soliz.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen, Chair Soliz, Alternate Commissioner Leal.

Absent: Commissioner Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

“AT THIS TIME THE COMMISSION MAY ANNOUNCE ANY ITEMS BEING PULLED FROM THE AGENDA OR CONTINUED TO ANOTHER DATE OR REQUEST THE MOVING OF AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA.”

Motion to Approve the Agenda was made by Chair Soliz then approved unanimously via a voice vote by the Planning Commission.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Planning Commission Minutes for the Meeting of March 18th, 2020.

Motion to approve the Minutes for the March 18th, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting.

Made by: Commissioner Huazano.

Second by: Commissioner Navarrete.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen, Chair Soliz, Alternate Commissioner Leal.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Commissioner Gonzalez entered the dais at 6:09 p.m. At which point Alternate Commissioner Leal stepped down from the dais.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Item 2. And Item 3. Resolution and Draft Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

“The public may address the Commission on any item of interest to the public that is not on the agenda, but is within the subject matter jurisdiction thereof. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes.”

Per Luis Lopez, Development Services Director, will present comment from a resident for Item 2. Upon the presentation of and comments for Item 2.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

None.

NON-HEARING ITEMS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARING CALENDAR (QUASI-JUDICIAL):

2. Revocation of Conditional Use Permit (CUP 312) that allowed a 3,250 sq. ft. Retail Cannabis Micro business on 20,000 square feet of land located at 84-161 Avenue 48 for “The Coachella Lighthouse, LLC”. City- Initiated Revocation.

Public comments opened at 6:25 p.m. by Chair Soliz.

1. Jordan Ferguson- Attorney for Applicant.
2. Brandon Sanchez- Attorney Best, Best and Krieger.
3. Joseph Rubin- Applicant.
4. Brandon Sanchez- Attorney Best, Best and Krieger.
5. Robert Hartgreaves- Assistant City Attorney, Best, Best and Krieger.

6. Chris Martinez- Public Comment.
7. Joseph Rubin- Applicant.
8. Tim Laquer- Public Comment.

Public comments closed at 7:03p.m. by Chair Soliz.

Motion to Approve Item 2. Adopt Resolution PC2020-03 and the Revocation of Conditional Use Permit (CUP 312) that allowed a 3,250 sq. ft. Retail Cannabis Micro business on 20,000 square feet of land located at 84-161 Avenue 48 for "The Coachella Lighthouse, LLC". City- Initiated Revocation.

Made by: Chair Soliz.

Seconded by: Vice Chair Virgen.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen, Chair Soliz.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

3. Resolution No. PC2020-04 approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA 20-01) and recommending approval of an Ordinance amending various sections of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Coachella Municipal Code to update and clarify provisions regarding retail cannabis businesses, specifically with regards to non-storefront retailers, non-storefront retail microbusinesses, storefront retail microbusinesses, and non-retail microbusinesses.

Public Comments Opened at 7:12 p.m. by Chair Soliz.

1. Chris Martinez- Public Comment.

Public Comments Closed at 7:18 by Chair Soliz.

Motion to Approve Item 3. Resolution No. PC2020-04 with the added recommendations added to section 1. To direct staff and have City Council consider local ownership business opportunity and distances to existing parks health and community centers and schools also to be taken up with City Council, approving Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA 20-01) and recommending approval of an Ordinance amending various sections of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Coachella Municipal Code to update and clarify provisions regarding retail cannabis businesses, specifically with regards to non-storefront retailers, non-storefront retail microbusinesses, storefront retail microbusinesses, and non-retail microbusinesses.

Made by: Chair Soliz

Seconded by: Commissioner Gonzalez.

Motion passes by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Huazano, Commissioner Navarrete, Vice Chair Virgen, Chair Soliz.

NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

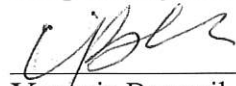
INFORMATIONAL:

City Hall Delivery of Services New Shifts for in office staffing.
City Town Hall presentation public education COVID 19.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. by Chair Soliz.

Respectfully Submitted,



Yesenia Becerril
Planning Secretary

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