

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES DECEMBER 6, 2023

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Gordon Weisenburger at 6:02 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS: Present: Commissioner David Moody
Commissioner Linda Timmons
Vice Chair Ernie Esparza
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

Absent: Commissioner Javier Gonzalez

STAFF PRESENT: John Cavanaugh, City Attorney
John Carver, Planning Director
John King, Assistant Planning Director
Johnnie Rightmer, Building and Safety Manager
Sol Bejarano, Management Analyst
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner
Leslie Corrales, Planning Intern
Biana Salgado, Office Assistant II

It was moved by Vice Chair Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, to excuse Commissioner Gonzalez from the Planning Commission meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of November 1, 2023 for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: Vice Chair Esparza

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. ZONING ORDINANCE
TEXT AMENDMENT
NO. 30

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request recommending that the City Council approve revised regulations for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs) to comply with State law.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Assistant Planning Director John King who presented an overview of the request.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the request.

Seeing no one present wishing to speak in favor of the request, Chair Weisenburger asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition to the request.

There being no one present wishing to speak in opposition to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:019, recommending that the City Council approve Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No.30. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: None

3. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 950
CINDY ESTRADA/
PIKA TORTAS
AHOGADAS
8111 ROSECRANS
AVENUE, SUITE K

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Cindy Estrada/Pika Tortas Ahogadas to extend customer seating at an existing restaurant to an outdoor seating area at 8111 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite K in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone

Planning Director John Carver introduced Planning Intern Leslie Corrales who presented an overview of the request.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the request.

Seeing no one present wishing to speak in favor of the request, Chair Weisenburger asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition to the request.

There being no one present wishing to speak in opposition to the request, it was moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez

ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:040, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

4. ZONE VARIANCE NO.
411
CINDY ESTRADA/
PIKA TORTAS
AHOGADAS
8111 ROSECRANS
AVENUE, SUITE K

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Cindy Estrada/Pika Tortas Ahogadas for a zone variance for an outdoor seating area at 8111 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite K in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Assistant Planning Director John King who presented an overview of the request.

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff regarding the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of the request.

Seeing no one present wishing to speak in favor of the request, Chair Weisenburger asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition to the request.

There being no one present wishing to speak in opposition to the request, it was moved by Vice Chair Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Moody, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:042, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

5. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 949
SERGIO
VELASQUEZ/
ARDMORE
WOODWORKS, INC.
15939 ILLINOIS
AVENUE, UNIT B

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Sergio Velasquez/Ardmore Woodworks, Inc. to operate a cabinet shop with the manufacturing and assembling of cabinets at 15939 Illinois Avenue, Unit B in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Associate Planner Ivan Reyes who presented an overview of the request.

Chair Weisenburger opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak in favor of the request.

Seeing no one present wishing to speak in favor of the request, Chair Weisenburger asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak in opposition to the request.

There being no one present wishing to speak in opposition to the request, It was moved by Vice Chair Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:041, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Moody and Timmons,
Vice Chair Esparza, Chair Weisenburger
NOES: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Gonzalez
ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

6. CITY COUNCIL
ACTIONS

Planning Director John Carver stated that at the last City Council meeting the City Council approved professional service agreements related to the City's Public Art Master Plan and residential objective design standards.

7. COMMENTS FROM
CITY ATTORNEY,
COMMISSIONERS
AND STAFF

City Attorney John Cavanaugh wished the Commission and staff Happy Holidays.

Commissioner Timmons stated she had a great time participating in the City's Santa Train.

Planning Director John Carver gave information about the Planning Commissioners Academy and wished the Commission and staff a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:47 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Gordon Weisenburger

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ Biana Salgado

Biana Salgado, Office Assistant II