

## **PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES APRIL 3, 2024**

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Gordon Weisenburger at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

### **ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Present: Commissioner Javier Gonzalez  
Commissioner David Moody  
Commissioner Linda Timmons  
Vice Chair Ernie Esparza  
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

Absent: None

### **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  
Cameron Younger, Planning Intern  
Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

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### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of March 6, 2024 for approval.

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

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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2. CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT NO. 954  
LIDIA ALAS/ALAS  
KITCHEN AND BAR  
15516 PARAMOUNT  
BOULEVARD, SUITE  
B

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Lidia Alas/Alas Kitchen and Bar to expand existing alcoholic beverage sales for onsite consumption to include distilled spirits at 15516 Paramount Boulevard, Suite B in the PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards) zone.

Planning Director John Carver stated that the applicant submitted an email requesting to postpone the item to the next Planning Commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to open the public hearing and continue the item to the May 1, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

3. CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT NO. 957  
JESUS SOTO/  
D'SOTO BLUEPRINTS  
FOR ELIJAH'S PARK  
15523 LAKEWOOD  
BOULEVARD

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Jesus Soto/D'Soto Blueprints for Elijah's Park to operate a used car dealership at 15523 Lakewood Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Assistant Planning Director John King who presented an overview of 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 Gonzalez, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 24:010, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

4. CONDITIONAL USE  
PERMIT NO. 958  
PETER HONG/IT'S  
BOBA TIME  
16280 PARAMOUNT  
BOULEVARD, SUITE  
C

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Peter Hong/It's Boba Time to operate a tea shop with indoor customer seating at 16280 Paramount Boulevard, Suite C in the PD-PS (Planned Development with Performance Standards) 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 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 Vice Chair Esparza, to close the public hearing. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 24:011, approving the request. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

## **REPORTS**

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5. CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

Planning Director John Carver stated that the City Council heard a presentation from John King, Assistant Planning Director regarding the General Plan and our process and status of the implementation of the General Plan.

6. COMMENTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY, COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Chair Weisenburger asked about the election results. City Attorney John Cavanaugh answered the questions by presenting an update on the election and stated that the results would be certified at the next City Council meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:34 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at City Hall Council Chamber, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Gordon Weisenburger

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

ATTEST:

*/s/ Valerie Zaragoza*

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Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: MAY 1, 2024