

**PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2022**

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 Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS Present: Commissioner Elizabeth Bautista  
Commissioner Ernie Esparza  
Vice Chair (VACANT)  
Chair Gordon Weisenburger

Absent: Commissioner Jaime Abrego

STAFF PRESENT: John Cavanaugh, City Attorney  
John Carver, Planning Director  
John King, Assistant Planning Director  
Johnnie Rightmer, Building and Safety Manager  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

It was moved by Chair Weisenburger, seconded by Commissioner Esparza to excuse Commissioner Abrego from the Planning Commission meeting.

The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Bautista and Esparza,  
Chair Weisenburger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Abrego  
ABSTAIN: None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. ALTAIR  
PARAMOUNT, LLC.  
14700 DOWNEY  
AVENUE

a) RESOLUTION NO. PC 22:012 Chair Weisenburger presented the item, recommending approval to the City Council of amended Conditional Use Permit No. 757 and to certify the Final Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), related to the AltAir Paramount, LLC Refinery conversion project at 14700 Downey Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

b) RESOLUTION NO. PC 22:011 Chair Weisenburger presented the item, recommending approval to the City Council of Zone Variance No. 409, a request by AltAir Paramount, LLC for a variance to exceed the 55 foot height limit to allow the installation of various pieces of equipment related to the AltAir Paramount, LLC refinery conversion project at 14700 Downey Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver stated that since more preparation was needed for these items it is recommended that the Planning Commission open and continue the public hearing to March 14, 2022. The items were not presented to the Planning Commission at this time.

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

Ms. Marcelina Bridges, Ms. Barbara Crowson, Ms. Janet Ince, Mr. Chris Hannan, Mr. Ramon Juarez, Ms. Anna Bardales, and Mr. Richard Castle spoke in favor of the request. In addition to those present who spoke in favor of the request, Mr. Carver read emails from Ms. Diane Martinez, Mr. Mario Suales, and Mr. Eddie Revelo, who also spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Agustin Exiga and Mr. Alfred Becerra Jr. were contacted via telephone to address the Planning Commission and also spoke in favor of the request.

There being no one else present wishing to speak in favor of the request, Chair Weisenburger asked if there was anyone who wished to speak in opposition to the request.

Ms. Eileen Chambers spoke in opposition to the request. Mr. Carver also read an email from Ms. Linda Morrison who also spoke in opposition to the request.

At the conclusion of all public comments, it was moved by Chair Weisenburger seconded by Commissioner Esparza to continue Resolution No. PC 22:012 to a meeting to be held on March 14, 2022. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Bautista and Esparza, Chair Weisenburger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Abrego  
ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Chair Weisenburger, seconded by Commissioner Bautista to continue Resolution No. PC 22:011 to a meeting to be held on March 14, 2022. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Commissioners Bautista and Esparza, Chair Weisenburger  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Abrego  
ABSTAIN: None

2. COMMENTS FROM  
CITY ATTORNEY,  
COMMISSIONERS  
AND STAFF

City Attorney John Cavanaugh stated that the City Attorney's office presented to the City Council, two very comprehensive presentations regarding street racing efforts in Paramount. He stated that the City Council adopted two very comprehensive ordinances regarding street racing exhibition of speed and spectator fines. Mr. Cavanaugh reviewed the ordinances, efforts and steps taken by the City to address the issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:44 p.m. to a Planning Commission meeting to be held on Monday, March 14, 2022, at City Hall Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

*/s/ Gordon Weisenburger*

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Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

ATTEST:

*/s/ Valerie Zaragoza*

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Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: March 14, 2022