

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Present: Commissioner Ernie Esparza
Commissioner Javier Gonzalez
Commissioner David Moody
Vice Chair Alicia Anderson
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
Smyrna Caraveo, Planning Intern
Andrew Farias, Planning Intern
Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of August 9, 2022 for approval.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**2. ZONING ORDINANCE
TEXT AMENDMENT
(ZOTA) NO. 28**

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request to amend Zoning Ordinance regulations citywide to replace, add, and amend definitions; and include minor amendments to allowable uses, off-street parking requirements, and other minor revisions for the purpose of maintaining conformity with State law, implementing the Paramount Housing Element, bringing internal consistency within the Zoning Ordinance, and clarifying outdated text.

Planning Director John Carver stated that the report is still being prepared and recommended that the Planning Commission open and continue the public hearing to the next regular Planning Commission meeting to be held on October 11, 2022.

It was moved by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to open and continue the public hearing for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 28 to the next regular meeting on October 11, 2022. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

REPORTS

3. ORAL REPORT

Planning Director John Carver introduced guest speakers Karen Barnett and Robert Blankenship from South Coast Trout Unlimited who presented an update on the Lower Los Angeles River Restoration and Access Project.

There was further discussion between the Commission, staff, and presenters regarding the project.

**4. CITY COUNCIL
ACTIONS**

Planning Director John Carver stated that the City Council, at its September 6, 2022 meeting, approved the first reading of Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 27 establishing density bonus regulations for affordable housing projects citywide, which was reviewed by the Planning Commission at its August 9, 2022 meeting.

5. COMMENTS FROM
CITY ATTORNEY,
COMMISSIONERS
AND STAFF

Planning Director John Carver introduced newly hired Planning Intern Smyrna Caraveo to the Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:26 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at City Hall Council Chambers, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 6:00 p.m.

/s/ *Gordon Weisenburger*

Gordon Weisenburger, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ *Valerie Zaragoza*

Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant