

## **PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 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 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  
Ivan Reyes, Associate Planner  
Andrew Farias, 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 October 11, 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 and Moody, Vice Chair Anderson, 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. 921  
ALFREDO LOPEZ/MR.  
J'S BAR  
7824 ALONDRA  
BOULEVARD

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Alfredo Lopez/Mr. J's Bar to upgrade from a bar with the sale of beer for onsite consumption to a bar with the sale of beer, wine, and distilled spirits for onsite consumption at 7824 Alondra Boulevard in the C-3 (General Commercial) zone.

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

Associate Planner Reyes explained that following the distribution of the agenda to the Planning Commission on Friday, October 28, 2022, staff determined that a condition of approval regarding the exterior building façade was not included in the staff report and resolution. Assistant Director John King added that the condition was similarly not included in the staff report and resolution posted on the City website on Friday, October 28, 2022. Associate Planner Reyes explained that a revised staff report and resolution with the referenced condition of approval has been placed on the dais and posted on the City website.

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

Mr. Alfredo Lopez, owner of Mr. J's Bar spoke in favor of the request.

Seeing no one else 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 Commissioner Moody, to close the public hearing. 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

There was further discussion between the Planning Commission and staff.

It was moved by Commissioner Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Moody, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 22:023, as amended in the revised staff report to include the following condition:

“An exterior building façade remodel in compliance with the Central Business District Architectural Guidelines (as required by Section 12.24.050 of the Paramount Municipal Code) shall be proposed for review by the Development Review Board. Upon Development Review Board approval, construction plans for the approved design shall be submitted for Building and Safety Division review. Upon Building and Safety Division approval of the construction plans, the building façade remodel shall be constructed to completion prior to the sale of wine and distilled spirits. The improvements shall be maintained in good condition.”

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

3. HOLIDAY EVENTS  
SCHEDULE - 2022

Planning Director John Carver presented the Holiday Events schedule for 2022 which includes the dates of the holiday activities the Planning Commission is requested to attend.

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## REPORTS

4. CITY COUNCIL  
ACTIONS

Planning Director John Carver stated that there were no items pertaining to the Planning Commission.

5. COMMENTS FROM  
CITY ATTORNEY,  
COMMISSIONERS  
AND STAFF

There were none.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:14 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 7, 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

APPROVED: December 7, 2022