

PARAMOUNT PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES MAY 3, 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 6:00 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
Commissioner Linda Timmons
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
Valerie Zaragoza, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Weisenburger presented the Planning Commission minutes of April 5, 2023 for approval.

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

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

2. REORGANIZATION
SELECTION OF
CHAIR AND VICE
CHAIR

Administrative Assistant/Minute Clerk Valerie Zaragoza opened the nominations for the office of Planning Commission Chair. Commissioner Ernie Esparza nominated Commissioner Gordon Weisenburger. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The roll call vote for Commissioner Weisenburger to serve as Planning Commission Chair:

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

Commissioner Gordon Weisenburger was declared Planning Commission Chair.

Chair Weisenburger opened the nominations for the office of Planning Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Javier Gonzalez nominated Commissioner Ernie Esparza. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

The roll call vote for Commissioner Esparza to serve as Planning Commission Vice Chair:

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

Commissioner Ernie Esparza was declared Planning Commission Vice Chair.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. NORTH PARAMOUNT
GATEWAY SPECIFIC
PLAN PROJECT

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, the North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan Project to include General Plan Amendment No. 22-2; Zone Change No. 240; Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 25.

Planning Director John Carver stated that as more time is required to prepare the proposal, it is recommended that the Planning Commission open and continue the public hearing for the North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan Project to the June 7, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to open and continue the public hearing for the North Paramount Gateway Specific Plan Project to the June 7, 2023 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

4. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 933
ALLAN J. COHN/
MUSTANG COUNTRY
INTERNATIONAL,
INC.
8820 SOMERSET
BOULEVARD

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Allan J. Cohn/Mustang Country International, Inc. to operate online with accessory in-person sales of automotive parts and components at 8820 Somerset Boulevard in the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Associate Planner Ivan Reyes 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 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

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:015, 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

5. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 934
TREPANNING
SPECIALTIES, INC.
16222 MINNESOTA
AVENUE

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Trepanning Specialties, Inc. to operate a machine shop at 16222 Minnesota Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Assistant Planning Director John King who presented an overview of the request on behalf of the project planner, Planning Intern Smyrna Caraveo.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:016, 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

6. CONDITIONAL USE
PERMIT NO. 935
SEJIN CHOI/NEO
CHAIR, INC.
16105 GUNDRY
AVENUE

Chair Weisenburger presented the item, a request by Sejin Choi/Neo Chair, Inc. to legalize and operate a warehouse/distribution center for office and gaming chairs at 16105 Gundry Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) zone.

Planning Director John Carver introduced Assistant Planning Director John King who presented an overview of the request on behalf of the project planner, Planning Intern Smyrna Caraveo.

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 Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Timmons, 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

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Vice Chair Esparza, to read by title only and adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. PC 23:017, 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

7. 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 stated that as more time is required to prepare the proposal, it is recommended that the Planning Commission open and continue the public hearing for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 30 to the June 7, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Timmons, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez, to open and continue the public hearing for Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment No. 30 to the June 7, 2023 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

REPORTS

8. CITY COUNCIL
ACTIONS

There were no items on the City Council Agenda that pertained to the Planning Commission.

9. ORAL REPORT

Planning Director John Carver presented a quarterly update regarding the World Energy sound wall along Façade Avenue.

10. COMMENTS FROM
CITY ATTORNEY,
COMMISSIONERS
AND STAFF

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Weisenburger at 6:28 p.m. to the next Planning Commission meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 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: June 7, 2023