

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF LA HABRA
April 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Rojas called the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: LED BY COMMISSIONER SURICH

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: ROJAS
MANLEY
SURICH
MAHECHA

ABSENT: (EXCUSED) COMMISSIONERS: BERNIER

OTHERS PRESENT: PLANNING MANAGER: LUI
ASSOCIATE PLANNER: D. LOPEZ
SECRETARY: V. LOPEZ
CITY ATTORNEY: ROBERTO

REORGANIZATION

Planning Manager Lui facilitated the nomination process for Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Surich nominated Vice Chair Rojas for Chair of the Planning Commission. Vice Chair Rojas accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chair. Vice Chair Rojas was appointed Chair by a 4-0 vote. Commissioner Mahecha nominated Commissioner Surich for Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Surich nominated Commissioner Manley for Vice Chair of the Planning Commission. City Attorney Roberto explained that the Commission would cast their votes first for Commissioner Surich and if the majority did not vote for her favor then a second vote would be taken for Commissioner Manley. Commissioner Manley conceded and said they should all vote for Commissioner Surich. There were no other nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Surich was appointed Vice Chair by a 4-0 vote. The nominations were closed and the meeting was turned over to Chair Rojas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Rojas asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak on any item not listed on the agenda. There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Rojas explained the Consent Calendar procedures. She asked if there were any members of the public or any Commissioners that wished to have any item removed. There were none.

The Commission took three separate actions on each of the consent calendar items the votes were as follows:

1. PROCEDURAL WAIVER: Waive reading in full of resolutions and ordinances and approval and adoption of same by reading title only.

Moved by Commissioner Manley, seconded by Commissioner Mahecha. Motion passed 3-0 with Vice Chair Surich abstaining.

2. Approve the minutes of March 13, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Mahecha, seconded by Commissioner Manley. Motion passed 3-0 with Vice Chair Surich abstaining.

3. Approve the minutes of April 10, 2023.

Moved by Vice Chair Surich, seconded by Commissioner Manley. Motion passed 3-0 with Chair Rojas abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Continuation of a request for Design Review 21-04 and Conditional Use Permit 21-02 for the expansion and continued operation of the Costco automobile service station located at 103 North Beach Boulevard.

Chair Rojas asked if any correspondence had been received in regards to the item. Secretary Lopez said none had been received.

Associate Planner Lopez presented the staff report.

Chair Rojas asked if any of the Commissioners had any questions. There were none.

Chair Rojas opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone wishing to speak on the project. There were none.

Moved by Commissioner Manley and seconded by Commissioner Mahecha, a motion of the Planning Commission of the City of La Habra, California, approving a continuance of Design Review 21-04 and Conditional Use Permit 21-02 for the expansion and continued operation of the Costco automobile service station located at 103 North Beach Boulevard, to a date uncertain.

The motion passed 4-0.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF

Planning Manager Lui informed the Commission that staff would be presenting a code amendment at their next meeting in May to limit the hours for general retail businesses in the city as directed by the City Council in February 2023. The amendment will involve requiring general retailers to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) if they wish to operate on a 24-hour basis which will enable the Commission to apply conditions that address safety concerns especially during the earliest morning hours (i.e., after 2:00 a.m.).

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mahecha said she enjoyed attending the Employee banquet and thanked the City for putting on that event.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:45 p.m. to the Planning Commission meeting on May 8, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Lopez,
Secretary