

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA**

FEBRUARY 22, 2016

CALLED TO ORDER

COUNCIL CHAMBER
22 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA
5:31 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS Present:
SEAN H. MILL, *Vice Chairman*
ERIC ALDERETE* (departed 5:52 p.m.)
PHIL BACERRA
BRUCE T. BAUER
MARK McLOUGHLIN
LYNNETTE VERINO

COMMISSIONERS Absent:
JAMES R. GARTNER, *Chairman*

STAFF Present:
HASSAN HAGHANI, *Executive Director*
CANDIDA NEAL, *Planning Manager*
LISA STORCK, *Assistant City Attorney*
KAREN GERARDO, *Commission Secretary*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman Mill

- A. **PUBLIC COMMENTS (on non-agenda items)** - *No public comments*

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Approve the Consent Calendar item per staff's recommendation.

Items removed for separate action or modified are highlighted. Separate actions show the actual vote. Items without votes are adopted as part of the consent motion.

MOTION: McLoughlin **SECOND:** Verino
VOTE: **AYES:** Alderete, Bacerra, Bauer, McLoughlin, Mill, Verino (6)
 NOES: None (0)
 ABSTAIN: None (0)
 ABSENT: Gartner (1)

- B. **MINUTES**

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2016.

* * * **END OF CONSENT CALENDAR** * * *

*Eric Alderete participated in the meeting via teleconference from Epic Hotel, 270 Biscayne Boulevard Way, Miami FL 33131. All Brown Act requirements were met for this occurrence.

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4/26/16
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BUSINESS CALENDAR

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION DISCLOSURE (REGARDING AGENDIZED PROJECTS): - No disclosures made.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2016-01

(Applicant: Yo! Sushi)

Legal notice published in the Orange County Reporter on February 9, 2016 and notices mailed February 10, 2016.

A project overview was provided by Ivan Orozco, Assistant Planner I. Vice Chairman Mill opened the public hearing. The applicant was available to answer questions and spoke in support of the project. Written communication from Tom Lutz, representing the Washington Square Neighborhood Association, stated support for the project. The commission questioned the status of the current signage, which is out of compliance with city code and discussed approval of the conditional use permit contingent upon compliance with signage requirements.

AMENDED MOTION: Adopt a resolution approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2016-01, with the added condition that approval of conditional use permit be contingent upon compliance with current signage requirements.

MOTION:	Verino	SECOND:	McLoughlin
VOTE:	AYES:	Alderete, Bacerra, Bauer, McLoughlin, Mill, Verino (6)	
	NOES:	None (0)	
	ABSTAIN:	None (0)	
	ABSENT:	Gartner (1)	

2. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2016-02

(Applicant: Yo! Sushi)

Legal notice published in the Orange County Reporter on February 9, 2016 and notices mailed February 10, 2016.

A project overview was provided by Ivan Orozco, Assistant Planner I. Vice Chairman Mill opened the public hearing. The applicant was available to answer questions and spoke in support of the project. The commission questioned the status of the current signage at this site location, which is also out of compliance with city code and discussed approval of the conditional use permit contingent upon compliance with signage requirements.

AMENDED MOTION: Adopt a resolution approving Conditional Use Permit No. 2016-02, with the added condition that approval of conditional use permit be contingent upon compliance with current signage requirements.

MOTION: Bauer **SECOND:** Mill
VOTE: **AYES:** Alderete, Bacerra, Bauer, McLoughlin, Mill, Verino (6)
 NOES: None (0)
 ABSTAIN: None (0)
 ABSENT: Gartner (1)

Commissioner Alderete departed the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

**** END OF BUSINESS CALENDAR *****

WORK STUDY SESSION

3. PLANNING DIVISION WORK PLAN

Planning Manager Candida Neal provided a PowerPoint presentation of the upcoming changes related to streamlined processes and timelines, reformatting and digitizing of information for public use, increase in division staffing, in-house General Plan updates, as well as comprehensive updates to the Transit Zoning code, Metro East Mixed-Use Overlay Zone and historic preservation.

ABSENCES

4. EXCUSED ABSENCES

MOTION: Excuse of the absence of Chairman Gartner.

MOTION: McLoughlin **SECOND:** Bauer
VOTE: **AYES:** Bacerra, Bauer, McLoughlin, Mill, Verino (5)
 NOES: None (0)
 ABSTAIN: None (0)
 ABSENT: Alderete, Gartner (2)

COMMENTS

5. STAFF MEMBER COMMENTS

Candida Neal

- Provided a response to Commissioner Bacerra's inquiry about Planning Commissioners' emails being removed from the city's website, citing a case held in the Supreme Court in San Jose regarding public records of personal emails used to conduct city business. At the discretion of the City Attorney, the email addresses were removed from the website.

6. **PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Bacerra

- Shared that the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) adopted the revised bus program in which two Santa Ana bus routes were proposed for elimination and replacement with a circular route. However, the OCTA Board voted to maintain the two existing bus routes.
- Informed that OCTA will be studying the Central Harbor Boulevard study that would affect Santa Ana's future streetcar route. Two meetings are proposed, one in Fullerton on February 23 and the other on February 25 at 5pm. Commissioner Bacerra encouraged all to attend one of those informational meetings.

ADJOURNED

6:13 P.M. - The next meeting of the Planning Commission was adjourned to Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, California.



FOR

Karen Gerardo
Commission Secretary