



Monday, April 2, 2012

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson Zermeno at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6615 Passons Boulevard, Pico Rivera, CA.

STAFF PRESENT:

Julia Gonzalez, Deputy Director of Community and Economic Development
Scott Nichols, Assistant City Attorney
Alicia Villanueva, Recording Secretary

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno

ABSENT: None

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Commissioner Garcia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 19, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner Celiz to approve the minutes of March 19, 2012 as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Martinez. Motion carried by the following roll call:

AYES: Commissioners Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - ZONE CODE AMENDMENT NO. 166 - PROHIBITING ENTITLEMENTS FOR FAST FOOD AND/OR DRIVE-THROUGH ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE SPECIFIED AREA

Deputy Director Julia Gonzalez presented a staff report dated April 2, 2012, along with a visual presentation. She summarized the proposal that was discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting of March 19, regarding prohibiting fast food establishments on the northern portion of the city. She stated fast food is defined as: any restaurant, which does

not use waiters for the taking of orders from customers utilizing table menus and serving of food to customers at designated tables. Fast Food Restaurants specialize in quick service food with limited or no seating, serve food primarily in paper, plastic or other disposable containers, its principal business is the sale of breakfast, lunch and dinner meals in a ready-to-consume state for off-site consumption and/or drive-thru service is provided for patrons.

Ms. Gonzalez, commented on the ratio of sit-down restaurants to fast food establishments in the northern portion of the City, the study found that sixteen establishments are fast food and seven establishments are sit-down restaurants. In conclusion, she stated that the moratorium will expire May 11, 2012, and staff needs to protect the northern portion of the city to bring more development such as sit-down restaurants and grocery stores or other quality establishments.

Commissioner Elisaldez motioned to close the public hearing, second by Commissioner Martinez. Motion carried by the following roll call:

AYES: Commissioners Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Celiz moved to recommend approval to the City Council to prohibit fast-food restaurants in the northern City boundaries on Rosemead between the northern City limit and Mines Avenue and Beverly Boulevard on the east-west City boundary, seconded by Commissioner Martinez. Motion carried by the following roll call:

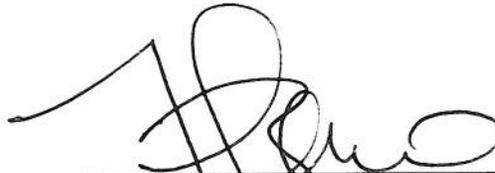
AYES: Commissioners Celiz, Elisaldez, Garcia, Martinez, Zermeno
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

- a) City Council Meeting of March 27, 2012 – Received and Filed.
- b) City Council Meeting of April 10, 2012 – Commissioner Elisaldez confirmed.

There being no further business the Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.



Fred Zermeno, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Benjamin A. Martinez, Secretary
Planning Commission
Director of Community and Economic Development