

MINUTES
CITY OF CARSON
PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
701 East Carson Street, 2nd Floor,
Carson, CA 90745

September 22, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Faletogo called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** The Salute to the Flag was led by Commissioner Brown.
3. **ROLL CALL**

Planning Commissioners Present:
*Brimmer, Brown, Faletogo, Gordon, Graber, Schaefer, Saenz

*(Commissioner Brimmer arrived at 6:47 P.M.)

Planning Commissioners Absent:
Park (excused), Verrett

Planning Staff Present: Planning Officer Repp, Assistant City Attorney Galante, Senior Planner Signo, Associate Planner Newberg, Recording Secretary Bothe
4. **AGENDA POSTING CERTIFICATION** Recording Secretary Bothe indicated that all posting requirements had been met.
5. **AGENDA APPROVAL** Vice-Chairman Saenz moved, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried (Commissioner Brimmer had not yet arrived; absent Commissioners Park and Verrett).
6. **INSTRUCTIONS TO WITNESSES** Chairman Faletogo requested that all persons wishing to provide testimony stand for the oath, complete the general information card at the podium, and submit it to the secretary for recordation.
7. **SWEARING OF WITNESSES** Assistant City Attorney Galante
8. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** For items **NOT** on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. None.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

Minutes: September 8, 2009

Commissioner Brown asked that Commissioner Gordon's comments regarding his preference for the Commission not to micromanage the second unit CUP process be included in the minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved, seconded by Commissioner Graber, to approve the September 8, 2009, Minutes as amended. Motion carried (Commissioner Brimmer had not yet arrived; absent Commissioners Park and Verrett).

10. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING None.

11. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Conditional Use Permit No. 735-09

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, Clear-Wire Corporation, is requesting to add three panel antennas and two microwave dishes to an existing lattice tower wireless telecommunication facility on a property located in the ML-D (Manufacturing, Light Design Overlay Review) zone and within the Redevelopment Project Area 1. The subject property is located at 17311 South Main Street.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Senior Planner Signo advised that staff recommends this item be continued to the October 13, 2009, meeting to allow the concurrent processing of a Design Overlay Review application in compliance with the CMC requirements.

Planning Commission Decision:

Chairman Faletogo moved, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to continue this matter to the October 13, 2009, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried, absent Commissioners Park and Verrett.

11. PUBLIC HEARING

B) Ordinance Amendment to modify regulations pertaining to outdoor advertising signs and their permitted locations within the city

Applicant's Request:

The applicant, Bulletin Displays, LLC, is requesting to consider an Ordinance Amendment which creates a 405 Freeway Corridor establishing development regulations and allowing new outdoor advertising signs within the corridor with an approved Development Agreement. The property involved is located at the south side of the 405 Freeway between Main Street and Figueroa Street.

Staff Report and Recommendation:

Senior Planner Newberg presented staff report and the recommendation to WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 09-2271, entitled, "A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the city of Carson recommending to the City Council approval of an Ordinance Amendment to Section 9141.1 and Section 9146.7 of the Carson Municipal Code establishing a 405 Freeway Corridor District and Development Agreement requirement for new outdoor advertising signs." He amended the following on Page 51: change "CL" to "CC." He noted this billboard will be static with its displays.

Chairman Faletogo opened the public hearing.

Mark Kudler, representing Bulletin Displays, noted his concurrence with staff's recommendation with the exception of the signage height; explained that due to a permanent obstruction in the front of the north face, it is necessary for this sign to be 55 feet high; and stated they are asking for 13 feet over what staff is recommending.

Planning Officer Repp explained that Bulletin Displays received authorization from Caltrans to move this sign to this area, noting it is likely Caltrans will not be authorizing any other new billboards.

There being no further input, Chairman Faletogo closed the public hearing.

Planning Commission Decision:

Commissioner Graber moved to concur with staff's recommendation. This motion was amended.

Chairman Faletogo stated he is pleased with the idea of a Development Agreement and noted his support of the applicant's request due to it likely being the only new sign that will be proposed for this corridor. He pointed out that the Kia sign on the opposite side has no obstructions.

Commissioner Brimmer encouraged the City to negotiate a good deal for the City in the Development Agreement.

Commissioner Graber moved, seconded by Vice-Chairman Saenz, to concur with staff's recommendation, with the amendment on Page 51, changing "CL" to "CC"; to allow the sign to be as high as 55 feet high; and to approve Resolution No. 09-2271. Motion carried, absent Commissioners Park and Verrett.

12. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION None.

13. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS None.

14. MANAGER'S REPORT None.

15. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Schaefer noted that AB 566, concerning mobilehome park conversions, is now up for consideration by the governor; and she urged those to contact the governor's office to voice their support.

Commissioner Brimmer stated that she found the leadership workshop helpful; and commended Commissioner Verrett on an outstanding job in putting together the 100-year anniversary celebration of the NAACP.

Commissioner Graber stated that he attended the following enjoyable events: the leadership workshop, the NAACP celebration, and the Filipinas Chorale performance at the university.

Chairman Faleto go stated that the leadership workshop was well attended; thanked staff for a comprehensive report this evening; and thanked Assistant City Attorney Galante for his input this evening.

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 P.M., the meeting was formally adjourned to Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 6:30 P.M., City Council Chambers.

Chairperson

Attest By:

Secretary