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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION****October 24, 2016**

These meeting minutes represent an "action minute" format with a concise summary of the meeting. A video of the meeting may be viewed on the City's website at www.costamesaca.gov or purchased on DVD upon request.

Vice Chair Mathews led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Robert Dickson
Vice-Chair Jeff Mathews
Commissioner Colin McCarthy
Commissioner Tim Sesler
Commissioner Stephan Andranian

Staff: Jay Trevino, Economic Development & Development Services Director/ Consultant
Sheri Vander Dussen, Interim Assistant Development Services Director/ Community Improvement Division
Yolanda Summerhill, Deputy City Attorney
Tarquin Preziosi, Deputy City Attorney
Bart Mejia, City Engineer
Mel Lee, Senior Planner
Julie Colgan, Recording Secretary

Chair Dickson stated that Public Hearing Item No. 2 (SL-15-0014) and 440 Fair Drive (which was not on the agenda but was publicly noticed to be heard tonight) would be heard at a future Planning Commission meeting and would be re-noticed.

Chair Dickson announced that Public Hearing Item Nos. 3 and 4 had been requested to be continued by the applicant and wanted to know more information regarding the request before the Planning Commission made a decision.

Sheri Vander Dussen, Interim Assistant Development Services Director/ Community Improvement Division, stated the reasoning for the requested continuance was that the applicant asked today for their attorney to be present. She indicated that the applicant was advised of the hearing on October 6th; their attorney is Steven Polin who is out-of-state and he represents several of the group home applicants; this was the first time the applicant had requested a continuance; and the applicant has been very accommodating during the process.

Commissioner Andranian asked to hear from the applicant on why the applicant was asking for a continuance.

Richard Perlin, applicant for Public Hearing Item Nos. 3 and 4, stated the reason for the continuance was that he thought he would be better represented by legal counsel but could not obtain counsel for tonight's meeting.

Motion: Move Public Hearing Item Nos. 3 and 4 for a one-time continuance to the November 14, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner McCarthy, seconded by Vice Chair Mathews.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dickson, Mathews, McCarthy, Sesler, Andranian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Mr. Perlin asked if his items could be heard on the November 28th Planning Commission meeting instead.

Commissioners and staff discussed whether to grant Mr. Perlin's request to change the date.

Chair Dickson asked Commissioner McCarthy if he wanted to amend his motion. Commissioner McCarthy did not want to change his motion.

Chair Dickson asked if any of the other Commissioners wanted to motion to hear the items at the November 28th meeting. No one responded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair announced that the Public Hearing Item No. 1 was the only item to be heard at tonight's meeting.

Beth Refakes, Costa Mesa resident, announced items being collected for the Trunk or Treat event for the 1/5 adopted Marine families at Camp Pendleton.

Steven Chan, Costa Mesa resident, requested the Chair resign from the Planning Commission.

Jim Fitzpatrick, Costa Mesa resident, thanked the Commissioners for all the work they do for the community.

Tamar Goldmann, Costa Mesa resident, stated concerns with the notifying process of when a public noticed item is not going to be heard at a meeting and with the 440 Fair Drive project.

Richard Russell, Costa Mesa resident, spoke about the way the City is handling the sober living home items.

A Costa Mesa resident spoke about the sober living homes in the City.

The Chair closed the public comments.

PLANNING COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Andranian asked where the public should be looking to know what will be heard at a Planning Commission meeting. Julie Colgan, Recording Secretary, responded that the agenda informs the public what will be heard at a meeting and recommended the public sign up for e-notifications so they can be informed when an agenda is uploaded online. Additionally, they can also look on the City's website under public notices to be informed if a public noticed item is still going to be heard.

Commissioner Sesler addressed the public comment about Chair Dickson.

Commissioner McCarthy addressed the public noticing public comment and complimented Commissioner Sesler for his commentary in the Daily Pilot about pension issues.

Chair Dickson addressed the public noticing concern and Mr. Chan's public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Chair asked if anyone wanted to discuss the minutes. No one responded.

1. Minutes for the meeting of October 10, 2016

**MOTION: Approve the minutes for the meeting of October 10, 2016.
Moved by Commissioner McCarthy, seconded by Chair Dickson.**

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dickson, Mathews, McCarthy, Sesler, Andranian
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstained: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Application No.:** PA-14-40
Applicant: Mike Shumaker
Site Address: 1100 Bristol Street
Zone: C1
Project Planner: Mel Lee

Environmental Determination:

An Initial Study/MND was completed and adopted on March 17, 2015 in accordance with the Lead Agency's Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act.

Description: Retroactive 1- year extension of time for prior approval of PA-14-40, which involves the development of a 6.6-acre vacant lot to accommodate the relocation of the Costa Mesa Ganahl Lumber store to a site owned by the County of Orange and leased to Ganahl Lumber.

No ex-parte communication to report.

Mel Lee, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Commissioner McCarthy asked if there would be prejudice to anyone by granting the applicant the retroactive time extension. Mr. Lee responded no.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Naghavi, In-Focus Consultant representative for the applicant, explained the reason for the retroactive time extension.

No public comment.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

**MOTION: Hereby move that the Planning Commission approve a retroactive one-year time extension for Planning Application PA-14-40 for the Ganahl Lumber hardware store and outdoor storage yard at 1100 Bristol Street.
Moved by Commissioner McCarthy, second by Commissioner Andranian.**

RESOLUTION PC-16-55 - A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA APPROVING A RETROACTIVE ONE-YEAR TIME EXTENSION FOR PLANNING APPLICATION PA-14-40 FOR THE GANAHL LUMBER HARDWARE STORE AND OUTDOOR STORAGE YARD AT 1100 BRISTOL STREET

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Dickson, Mathews, McCarthy, Sesler, Andranian

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

The Chair explained the appeal process.

The Chair announced that Public Hearing Item No. 2 had been removed from the agenda and Public Hearing Item Nos. 3 and 4 were moved to the November 14, 2016 meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT(S)

1. Public Services Report – none.
2. Development Services Report – Jay Trevino, reported that the department is taking steps so that fewer continuances would occur.

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REPORT(S)

1. City Attorney – none.

ADJOURNMENT: TO A PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AT 6:00 P.M., OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2016.

Submitted by:

JAY TREVINO, ACTING SECRETARY
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION