

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
LOMITA PLANNING COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024**

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

- a. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Lomita Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Stephens at 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2024, in the Council Chambers at Lomita City Hall, 24300 Narbonne Avenue, Lomita, California.

- b. Commissioner Santos led the flag salute.

- c. Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Cammarata, Dever, Graf, Santos, Steinbach, Vice-Chair Mattingly, and Chair Stephens

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community and Economic Director Rindge, Assistant City Attorney Ornelas, Associate Planner MacMorran, and Deputy City Clerk Abbott

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Stephens opened Oral Communications. As there were no requests to speak, Chair Stephens closed Oral Communications.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** May 13, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve minutes.

Commissioner Santos made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammarata, to approve the minutes.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Cammarata, Dever, Graf, Santos, Steinbach, Vice-Chair Mattingly, and Chair Stephens
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled.

5. SCHEDULED MATTERS

- a. **DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DETERMINATION OF SIMILARITY APPLICATION NO. 2024-02 TO CONSIDER RETAIL CIGAR AND TOBACCO SALES SIMILAR TO NOTIONS AND DRY GOODS STORES AS IDENTIFIED IN LOMITA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 11-1.48.02(A) AND FINDING EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)** (Applicant: Housain Yousuf, 1815 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, CA 90717)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Planning Commission adopt a resolution approving Determination of Similarity No. 2024-02.

Associate Planner MacMorran presented the staff report per the agenda material. She gave background on Determinations of Similarity in general and as pertaining to this project.

After brief discussion relative to zoning and the type of business previously at the site, Chair Stephens invited public comment.

George Kivett, Lomita resident, spoke in support of the project.

As there were no further requests from the public to speak on this item, Chair Stephens invited further Council discussion or a motion.

Commissioner Graf made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Cammarata, to approve the recommended action.

MOTION CARRIED by the following vote:

- AYES: Commissioners Cammarata, Dever, Graf, Santos, Steinbach, Vice-Chair Mattingly, and Chair Stephens
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None

- b. **COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS**

Director Rindge stated that the Council approved Planning Commission-recommended ordinances related to Lomita Manor and indoor recreation uses at recent meetings.

- c. **UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS AND BUSINESSES**

Director Rindge stated that a sheet providing updates was included in the meeting packet.

6. OTHER MATTERS

- a. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Rindge introduced the new Planning Intern, Savannah Baca. She also announced that she is soon resigning because she will be moving. She complimented City staff and the Commission.

b. PLANNING COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioners thanked Director Rindge for her hard work and wished her well.

Commissioners asked questions relative to a few City projects and mentioned the upcoming Grocery Outlet grand opening.

c. COMMISSIONERS TO ATTEND CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Planning Commission representation at the Tuesday, July 2, 2024, and Tuesday, July 16, 2024, City Council meetings is to be determined.

7. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, Chair Stephens adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L. E. Abbott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Linda E. Abbott, CMC, Deputy City Clerk