

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Council Chamber, Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Kanzler
Vice Chair Brietigam
Commissioner Lazenby
Commissioner Lehman
Commissioner Nguyen
Commissioner Salazar
Commissioner Truong

Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Lehman.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None.

April 6, 2017 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Brietigam Second: Lehman

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Lehman, Nguyen,
Salazar, Truong

Noes: (0) None

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT NO. A-017-2017. CITY OF GARDEN GROVE,
CITYWIDE.

Applicant: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Date: April 20, 2017

Request: A request by the City of Garden Grove to amend portions of Title 9 (Zoning) of the Garden Grove Municipal code, including Chapters 9.04, 9.08 and 9.12 to update the definition, the land use matrix, and special operating conditions for accessory dwelling units to be consistent with state law. Also, an amendment to Chapter 9.52 and repealing Chapter 5.85 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to maintain the ban on commercial cannabis activities consistent with state law. The project is

exempt pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 (CEQA does not apply to the adoption of an ordinance by a city or county to implement the provisions of Section 65852.1 or Section 65852.2 of the Government Code) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment).

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): Gilbert Jalomo, Ernesto Estrada, Pedro Estrada, Mike Barker

Action: Resolution No. 5882-17 was approved.

Motion: Lazenby Second: Lehman

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar, Truong

Noes: (0) None

Commissioner Lehman left the meeting at 8:01 p.m. and returned at 8:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT NO. A-018-2017. CITY OF GARDEN GROVE, CITYWIDE.

Applicant: CITY OF GARDEN GROVE

Date: April 20, 2017

Request: A request by the City of Garden Grove for the adoption of zoning text amendments to Chapters 9.04 (Definitions), 9.16 (Commercial, Office Professional, Industrial, and Open Space Development Standards), and 9.18 (Mixed Use Regulations and Development Standards) of Title 9 of the Municipal Code to update the definitions, operating conditions, and development standards in the City’s Land Use Code, pertaining to crematoriums, mortuaries, funeral homes, and cemeteries. Pursuant to the proposed Amendment, changes include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) establish a minimum 500-foot distance requirement from any new “Crematoriums” or “Crematoriums with Incidental Funeral Home/Mortuary” use to a property boundary of any “O-S” (Open Space) zoned property, or to a property boundary of any “R” (Residential) zoned property or any PUD (Planned Unit Development) established exclusively for residential use; (ii) remove “Crematoriums” as a conditionally permitted use in the C-2 (Community Commercial) zone; (iii) add “Crematoriums” as a conditionally permitted use in the M-1 (Light Industrial) and M-P (Industrial Park) zones; (iv) add “Crematoriums with Incidental Funeral Home/Mortuary” as a conditionally permitted use in the C-3 (Heavy Commercial), M-1, and M-P zones; (v) add “Funeral Home/Mortuary with No Crematorium” as an automatically permitted use in the C-2, C-3, and A-R (Adaptive Reuse) zones with a minimum 250-foot distance requirement to a

property boundary of any "R" (Residential) zoned property or any PUD established exclusively for residential use; (vi) prohibit crematorium or funeral home/mortuary services or activities for "Cemetery" uses; and (vii) establish minimum parking requirements for "Crematorium", "Crematorium with Incidental Funeral Home/Mortuary", and "Funeral Home/Mortuary with No Crematorium" uses. The project is exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment).

Action: Public Hearing held. Speaker(s): None.

Action: Resolution No. 5883-17 was approved.

Motion: Salazar Second: Lazenby

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar, Truong

Noes: (0) None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Brietigam commented that public safety was the primary function of city government and that Garden Grove's Police and Fire Departments were understaffed, especially with Propositions 47, 57, and Assembly Bill 109, and that with the release of prisoners from jails, law enforcement was challenged. His challenge to the City was to hire 200 sworn police officers and five additional fire fighters by the year 2020.

Commissioner Lazenby noted that the Engineering Division responded to his inquiry regarding convention center overflow parking into the adjacent neighborhoods. Staff recommended that residents start a petition for the City to provide signage for no parking in the residential zones.

Commissioner Lehman commented that in the neighborhood off of Katella Avenue, between Gilbert and Brookhurst Streets, the apartment area was blighted with graffiti and discarded items in the street. Staff would have Code Enforcement look into the matter.

Commissioner Truong mentioned that as a runner in west Garden Grove, she encountered broken street pavements, which were dangerous, and also asked if there was a tree plan for the area to buffer increasing exhaust. Staff relayed that Public Works did ongoing street maintenance and the matter would be looked into.

Chair Kanzler asked if the Planning Commission meetings could start at 6:30 p.m. Staff responded that the procedural mechanism would be researched noting that any change would require the adoption of a resolution. Staff then mentioned that 7:00

p.m. was established due to complaints from the public at not having enough time to get to the meetings after work and/or dinner.

Chair Kanzler mentioned that the Power Point presentation was helpful and asked if staff could do more. Staff responded that only the more complex agenda items would warrant presentations.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff stated that the May 4th meeting would be cancelled and that the May 18th meeting would be an Alcoholic Beverage Control Study Session. James Colegrove, the new Police representative for Planning Commission, was introduced.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:30 p.m. to the next Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Planning Commission on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove.

Motion: Brietigam Second: Lazenby

Ayes: (7) Brietigam, Kanzler, Lazenby, Lehman, Nguyen, Salazar, Truong

Noes: (0) None

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary