

# PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

**August 8, 2024** 

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DATE: Thursday, August 8, 2024

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: City Council Chamber, City Hall

350 Main Street, El Segundo, CA 90245

VIDEO: El Segundo Cable Channel 3 (Live).

Replayed Friday following Thursday's meeting

at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Channel 3.

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
- **D.** Public Communications (Related to matters within the Planning Commission's subject matter jurisdiction or items on the agenda only—5 minutes per person; 30 minutes total). Individuals who received value of \$50 or more to communicate to the Planning Commission on another's behalf, and employees speaking on their employer's behalf, must so identify themselves before addressing the Commission. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor. While all comments are welcome, the Brown Act does not allow the Commission to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item not on the agenda. The Commission may respond to comments after public communications is closed.
- **E. Written Communications** (other than what is included in agenda packets)
- F. Consent Calendar

All items are to be adopted by one motion without discussion. If a request for discussion of an item is made, the items should be considered individually under the next agenda heading.

- 1. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
  - June 27, 2024

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approve the minutes.

- G. Continued Business
- H. New Public Hearings
- I. New Business
  - 1. Presentation and Study Session on a Potential Amendment to the City's Parking Requirements for Residential Uses. (PS)

**Description:** Housing Element Program 9 calls for an amendment to the ESMC Title 15 parking requirements for residential uses. Staff will present information to the Planning Commission on and options for amending the current ESMC parking requirements for multi-family residential uses.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Receive and file the presentation. Alternatively, discuss and provide direction on a potential ESMC amendment.

- J. Report from Community Development Director or designee
- K. Report from the City Attorney's office
- L. Planning Commissioners' Comments
- **M.** Adjournment—next regular scheduled meeting for August 22, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

POSTED:	Jazmin Farias	8/3/2024 1:28 p.m.
	(Signature)	(Date and time)



# MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO PLANNING COMMISSION Regularly Scheduled Meeting

June 27, 2024

#### A. Call to Order

Chair Keldorf called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Keldorf led the pledge.

#### C. Roll Call

Present: Chair Keldorf

Present: Vice Chair Hoeschler Present: Commissioner Newman Present: Commissioner Maggay Present: Commissioner Inga

Also present: Michael Allen, AICP, Community Development Director

Also present: Eduardo Schonborn, AICP, Planning Manager

Also present: Joaquin Vazquez, City Attorney Also present: Jazmin Farias, Planning Technician

#### D. Public Communications

None.

# **E. Written Communications** (other than what is included in Agenda packets)

None.

#### F. Consent Calendar

#### 1. Approval of Planning Commission Meeting Minutes:

June 13, 2024

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes and pull item F.2 of the consent calendar.

Moved by Chair Keldorf, second by Vice Chair Hoeschler.

Motion carried, 5-0, by the following vote:

Ayes: Keldorf, Hoeschler, Newman, Maggay, and Inga.

#### 2. Alcohol Service at Tacomasa Taqueria. (JF)

Planning Technician Jazmin Farias, presented the staff report regarding a request for approval of an Administrative Use Permit allowing the sale of beer and wine for consumption (Type 41 ABC License) at an 1,822 square-foot restaurant with a 700 square-foot outdoor dining area (Tacomasa Taqueria) located in Unit E of an existing multi-tenant building located at 2140 East El Segundo Boulevard (known as Chargers Commons). Applicant was present to answer any questions.

# Chair Keldorf opened public communications.

- Applicant Ivan Flores expressed his excitement to be a part of the community. He highlighted that the restaurant specializes in Tijuana style tacos specifically the asada and adobada meat. His grand opening is Monday July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Commissioner Maggay inquired why they only applied for a Type 41
   ABC license as it excludes hard liquor for drinks like margaritas. Ivan
   advised that they will serve margaritas but will be wine based and
   their focus is the asada taco.

# Chair Keldorf closed public communications.

**MOTION:** Receive and file the Community Development Director's approval of Environmental Assessment No. EA-1366 and Administrative Use Permit No. AUP 24-04.

Moved by Commissioner Newman, second by Commissioner Inga. Motion carried, 5-0, by the following vote:

Ayes: Keldorf, Hoeschler, Newman, Maggay, and Inga.

#### G. Continued Business—Public Hearing

None.

#### H. New Public Hearings

None.

#### I. New Business

3. Recognition of Commissioners Brenda Newman for her years of service on the Planning Commission.

Chair Keldorf announced that this meeting will be Commissioner Newman former Co-Chair's last Planning Commission meeting. Planning Manager

Eduardo Schonborn introduced Community Development Department Resolution No. 2009-2024 in which he acknowledged Newman's 15-year service to the community as a Planning Commissioner. He highlighted that she has attended over 230 Planning Commission meetings during her tenure and was insightful and objective in considering the many significant projects that came before the Planning Commission such as Los Angeles Chargers training facility, Los Angeles Lakers facility, Top Golf, numerous specific plans, 2 housing elements, numerous hotels, El Segundo South Campus Specific Plan, many small and large scaled residential developments such as Pacific Coast Commons and together yielded over 300 units over her tenure. Her intent to give back to the community that she loves unconditionally is greatly appreciated.

# Chair Keldorf opened public communications.

- Council member Ryan Baldino thanked and congratulated
   Commissioner Newman for her years of service and time invested in the
   community via the Planning Commission and other boards. He added
   that her patience, grace, and beauty will truly be missed, and he is glad
   to have worked with her over the years.
- Resident Kara Baldino took the podium to express her appreciation for Commissioner Newman and her service to the town. She added that Newman's love for El Segundo has inspired her.
- Mr. Newman (brother of Commissioner Newman) congratulated her for her service.

#### Chair Keldorf closed public communications.

Further communication came from Planning Commission:

- Commissioner Inga and Commissioner Maggay expressed their gratitude for Commissioner Newman and thanked her for guiding them when they were new to the Commission.
- Chair Keldorf expressed her appreciation for Commissioner Newman throughout the years they have worked together and her mentorship. She thanked her for contributing to the success and progress the city has had.
- Vice Chair Hoeschler highlighted that it has been a pleasure to work by her side and still is. He values her perspective, insight, and demeanor. Particularly he recalls and appreciates when she reached out to him to ask if he wanted to be Vice Chair and they discussed the importance of the role. Her long success as a Commissioner, El Segundo business owner, and resident is a testament of how people and companies can thrive in the City.
- Commissioner Newman wished good fortune coming forward to the newest appointed Planning Commissioner Mark Christian.

# J. Report from Community Development Director or designee

Community Development Director Michael Allen thanked Commissioner Newman for her service to the community. He shared that the commissioners and council members tenure within this city makes a signification difference in the quality of life in the community and El Segundo is no better example of how that is beneficial to the community. Her quintessential role as a commissioner, resident on Main Street, and longstanding business owner on Main Street is an example of the high-quality value the city offers.

# K. Report from City Attorney's Office

City Attorney Joaquin Vazquez thanked Commissioner Newman for making his job easier by challenging him and keeping the team honest. He appreciates her experience, insight, grace, and congratulated her on being free from the shackles of the Brown Act, recusal, and 1090.

#### L. Planning Commissioners' Comments

None.

М.	<b>Adjournment</b> —the meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Michael Allen, Community Development Director

Michelle Keldorf, Planning Commission Chair



# **Planning Commission Agenda Statement**

Meeting Date: August 8, 2024 Agenda Heading: New Business

Item No.: 1.1

#### TITLE:

Presentation and Study Session regarding a potential amendment to El Segundo Municipal Code (ESMC) Title 15 Parking Requirements for Residential Uses

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. Receive and File Presentation
- 2. Discuss and provide direction on a potential ESMC amendment

#### **BACKGROUND:**

On November 15, 2022, the City Council adopted the 2021-2029 Housing Element. Program 9 (ESMC Amendments) of the Housing Element calls for amendments covering 12 different topics, 11 of which have been completed.

The remaining amendment relates to parking requirements for residential uses and is the subject of this report and study session. Program 9 of the 2021-2029 Housing Element states the following regarding the subject amendment:

"The City currently requires two parking spaces plus one guest parking space per [three] unit[s], regardless of unit size. The City will revise its parking standards to a sliding scale based on unit size, similar to the recently approved Pacific Coast Commons project which achieved 83 units per acre."

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Program 9 aims to remove governmental constraints on housing development. Excessive parking requirements can be both a physical and a financial constraint on housing development, because parking occupies an area that could otherwise be used for living while it increases the cost of construction per unit.

Program 9 and a potential ESMC amendment could require parking in proportion to the size of a residential unit. Specifically, it could replace the current multi-family residential requirement of two spaces per unit with a sliding scale similar to the Pacific Coast Commons Specific Plan (PCCSP) requirement listed in Table No. 1 below.

Housing Element Program 9 – Residential Parking Requirements August 8, 2024
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Table No. 1: Pacific Coast Commons Residential Parking Requirements

Use	Requirement
Studio units	1 space per unit
1-bedroom units	1.5 spaces per unit
2-bedroom units:	2 spaces per unit
Guest parking	1/3 space per unit

A potential amendment that matches the PCCSP requirements would reduce the required resident parking for studio and 1-bedroom units, while maintaining requirement for 2-bedroom and larger units the same.

Program 9 does not require a potential amendment to match the PCCSP requirements. A different sliding scale may be adopted by the City that helps accomplish the Program 9 goal of facilitating housing development by a) reducing the cost associated with construction of parking and b) reducing the area on properties occupied by parking spaces.

During the study session, staff will present information on additional options for a potential ESMC amendment, including parking rates adopted in the City's specific plans, parking requirements in other cities, and the results of parking demand studies.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Following the study session, staff will begin drafting an ESMC amendment in accordance with Planning Commission direction. Staff anticipates drafting an ordinance and scheduling a Planning Commission public hearing before the end of 2024.

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**REVIEWED BY:** Eduardo Schonborn, AICP, Planning Manager

**APPROVED BY:** Michael Allen, AICP, Community Development Director

**ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: None**