



Planning Commission Minutes

Regular Planning Commission
Meeting of November 4, 2024
IN PERSON AND ONLINE MEETING
<https://www.nationalcityca.gov/webcast>
LIVE WEBCAST
Council Chambers, Civic Center
1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA 91950

These minutes have been abbreviated. Video recordings of the full proceedings are on file and available to the public.

CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of National City was called to order at 6:38 p.m. via teleconference and in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Staff Also Present: Director of Community Development Carlos Aguirre, Assistant Director of Community Development Martin Reeder, Deputy City Attorney Ashlin Y. Lutes, and Executive Secretary Sarah Esendencia.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda for the Regular Planning Commission Meeting on November 4, 2024.

Motion by Castle, second by Sanchez, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Planning Commission Meeting of October 7, 2024.

Motion by Castle, second by Armenta, to approve the minutes.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1 of the CEQA guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Conditional Use Permit for beer and wine sales (ABC Type-41) at an existing restaurant (Mr. Pulpo Seafood) located at 831 E 8th Street.

Commissioner Armenta discloses that she has dined at the restaurant as well as talked to staff and walked the property.

Vice-Chair Castle discloses that she dined at the restaurant.

Commissioner Sanchez discloses that he dined at the restaurant.

Assistant Director, Martin Reeder made a PowerPoint presentation.

Applicant, Saida Gonzalez was present and answered questions from the Commissioners and Public had.

Armando Roman made a public comment in favor of the item.

Motion by Sanchez, second by Valenzuela to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

Motion by Valenzuela, second by Sanchez, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-17, a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of National City determining that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1 of the CEQA guidelines section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and approving a Conditional Use Permit for beer and wine sales (ABC Type-41) at an existing restaurant) Mr. Pulpo Seafood) located at 831 East 8th Street Case File No.: 2024-20 CUP APN: 556-414-09-00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

4. Determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1 of the CEQA guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Conditional Use Permit modification for beer and wine sales (ABC Type-41) at a new restaurant (Tacos El Franc) located at 3030 Plaza Bonita Road, Suite 1108.

Vice-Chair Castle discloses that she goes to Plaza Bonita mall and knows the location of the restaurant.

Commissioner Armenta discloses that she has been to Plaza Bonita mall.

Commissioner Quinones discloses that she has been to Plaza Bonita mall.

Commissioner Forman states that she is a fan of Tacos El Franc.

Chair Miller states that he lives about 1400 ft. away from the mall and on the boundary of the parcel but has been there a handful of times.

Javier Lugo, representative of the applicant was present to answer any questions from the Commissioners and Public had.

Motion by Castle, second by Sanchez to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

Motion by Valenzuela, second by Castle, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-18, a Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of National City, California determining that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 1 of the CEQA guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and approving a conditional use permit modification for beer and wine sales (ABC Type-41) at a new restaurant (Tacos El Franc) located at 3030 Plaza Bonita Road, Suite 1108 Case File No.: 2024-14 CUP APN: 564-471-07-00.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

5. Adoption of 2025 meeting dates.

Motion by Castle, second by Sanchez, to adopt 2025 meeting dates.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

6. Election of Officers.

Motion by Valenzuela, second by Quinones to have Martin Miller remain as Chair and Randi Marie-Castle to remain as Vice Chair.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Valenzuela, Sanchez, Quinones, Miller, Forman, Castle, Armenta.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Motion approved.

STAFF REPORTS:

Legal Council: States that she will be putting trainings together in the beginning of 2025 and encourages Commissioners to send her an email with topics related to Planning Commission.

Director of Community Development: None.

Assistant Director of Community Development: Gives his thanks to Chair and Vice-Chair for all their work and guidance this year and wishes them luck in their roles next year.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Vice-Chair Castle: Encourages everyone to go out and vote.

Commissioner Valenzuela: None.

Commissioner Sanchez: Gives thanks to Chair and Vice-Chair for all their work and guidance this year and wishes them luck in their roles next year.

Commissioner Armenta: Encourages everyone to go out and vote and states whatever the votes are to embrace democracy.

Commissioner Quinones: Congratulates Chair Miller and Vice-Chair Castle on their election.

Commissioner Forman: Thanks Chair Miller and Vice-Chair Castle for stepping into their roles again for next year.

Chair Miller: Encourages everyone to vote tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Miller adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of National City, Monday, November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.


Sarah Esencia, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024.


Martin Miller, Chair