

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
June 18, 2019  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The Commission Secretary conducted roll call.

Present:       Commissioner Tom Benson  
                  Commissioner Rose Richárd  
                  Vice Chair Chris Wilson  
                  Chair Victor Parker

Excused/Absent:   Commissioner Perica Bell

Staff present:

- 1)     City Manager Charlie Honeycutt
- 2)     Deputy City Manager Hannah Shin-Heydorn
- 3)     Community Development Director and Commission Secretary Scott Charney
- 4)     Planning Manager Colleen Doan
- 5)     Assistant Planner Ryan Agbayani
- 6)     Sr. Engineering Technician Jesus Saldana
- 7)     Assistant City Attorney Danny Aleshire
- 8)     Assistant City Attorney Chris Neumeyer

In addition, there were 28 people in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Parker led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was no public business from the floor.

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

- a.     Commission Secretary Charney administered the Oaths of Office for Commissioners Benson and Richárd.

## **REORGANIZATION**

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Commission Secretary Charney called for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Richárd nominated Vice Chair Wilson to serve as the new Chair. There were no other nominations.

Commission Secretary Charney conducted a roll call vote and Vice Chair Wilson was selected as the new Chair by a 4/0/1 vote.

Chair Wilson thanked his colleagues for selecting him as chair.

Chair Wilson called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Parker nominated Commissioner Richárd to serve as the new Vice Chair. There were no other nominations.

Commission Secretary Charney conducted a roll call vote and Commissioner Richárd was selected as the new Vice Chair by a 4/0/1 vote.

## **PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

### a. **COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING CANNABIS REGULATIONS**

Community Development Director Charney read the form of notice and welcomed the public. City Manager Honeycutt noted the purpose of the meeting which was to share information collected over the past year by the City's Prop. 64 Subcommittee and provide the opportunity for public comment regarding potential regulation of cannabis-related uses in Signal Hill. Assistant City Attorney Neumeyer gave an overview of Federal and State cannabis regulations. City Manager Honeycutt reported on the status of recent State and regional regulations and the City's "Wait and Learn" approach to developing a regulatory framework. Gene Rotondo from the Long Beach Collective Association provided a perspective on the Long Beach regulations, Community Development Director Charney gave an update on the City's current ban of cannabis related facilities and shared a map showing potential buffer zones using sensitive uses as defined by State law, and Deputy City Manager Shin-Heydorn provided a summary of the facility tours conducted by the Prop. 64 Subcommittee.

The Chair opened the community meeting for comment and the following individuals came forward:

- Michael Masterman-Smith, a medical pharmacologist, encouraged the City to allow cannabis microbusinesses;
- Randy Hartshorn, a resident of Signal Hill, expressed support for the City's "Wait and learn" approach to avoid missteps;

- Richard Larson, a resident of Signal Hill, suggested the City compile a list of concerns and request public feedback; and
- Cristina Espiritu, a resident of Anaheim, asked about the desirability of possible facility locations and details of the potential buffer zones.

Chair Wilson thanked the public for their participation. There being no further comment, Chair Wilson closed the community meeting and called for a voice vote to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 4/0/1.

After the Commission had voted, three individuals came forward and requested to speak.

Chair Wilson allowed the following additional speakers:

- Nicole DiMonda, with Grace Health and Wellness, extolled the medical benefits of cannabis beyond pain control and her personal experience with cancer remission;
- Jaime Brambila, with Grace Health and Wellness, reiterated support of the medical benefits of cannabis; and
- Michael Masterman-Smith described his research efforts related to the benefits of cannabis in medical treatment, pain management, and addiction rehabilitation.

Chair Wilson thanked the speakers and moved to the next agenda item.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### a. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 19-01

Community Development Director Charney read the form of notice and Assistant Planner Agbayani gave the staff report.

The State Director for Dungarvin, Julia Lowe, introduced herself and yielded her time to answer any questions. There were no additional questions from the Commission. There being no further public testimony, Chair Wilson closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Vice Chair Richárd and seconded by Commissioner Parker to waive further reading and adopt the following resolution:

Assistant City Attorney Aleshire read the title of Resolution No. 828-06-18:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SIGNAL HILL, CALIFORNIA, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 19-01, A REQUEST TO OPERATE AN ADULT DAY CARE FACILITY AT 695 E. 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE COMMERCIAL GENERAL (CG) ZONING DISTRICT**

The following vote resulted:

AYES: COMMISSIONER BENSON; COMMISSIONER PARKER; VICE CHAIR RICHÁRD; CHAIR WILSON

NOES:

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER BELL

ABSTAIN:

Motion carried 4/0/1.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

a. **SELECTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE CITY COMMITTEE PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE**

Community Development Director Charney gave the staff report.

Chair Wilson was voted in as the new Representative and Commissioner Benson was voted in as the new Alternate.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Commissioner Parker and seconded by Vice Chair Richárd to receive and file Consent Calendar. Commissioner Benson abstained from voting.

The motion carried 3/0/1/1.

### **COMMISSION NEW BUSINESS**

Vice Chair Richárd asked for confirmation that staff received her nomination for a Kickin' Grass Award (drought-tolerant landscaping).

Staff stated they would follow-up to confirm receipt.

Chair Wilson briefly discussed his experience attending both the Long Beach Economic Forum on April 18, 2019 and Spring Fest on April 20, 2019.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Vice Chair Richárd and seconded by Commissioner Benson to adjourn to the next regular meeting of the Planning Commission to be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2175 Cherry Avenue, Signal Hill, CA, 90755.

The motion carried 4/0/1.

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Chair Chris Wilson

Attest:

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Scott Charney  
Commission Secretary