

Minutes Regular Meeting
Planning Commission
July 18, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Redondo Beach Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Hazeltine at 6:30 PM, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and teleconference.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Boswell, Conroy, Craig, Gaddis, Secretary Lamb, and Chair Hazeltine

Commissioners Absent: Light

Officials Present: Sean Scully, Planning Manager
Victoria Banfield, Associate Planner
Jamal Brown, Planning Analyst

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Hazeltine led the Commissioners in a Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Chair Hazeltine stated Agenda Item No. J.2. has been continued to a Special Meeting on August 1, 2024 but comments will still be allowed during non-agenda comments.

Motion by Commissioner Gaddis, seconded by Commissioner Conroy, to move approve order of agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection:

AYES: Boswell, Conroy, Craig, Gaddis, Secretary Lamb and Chair Hazeltine

NOES: None

ABSENT: Light

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. RECEIVE AND FILE BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

Motion by Commissioner Gaddis, seconded by Commissioner Conroy to receive and file Blue Folder Items. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection:

AYES: Boswell, Conroy, Craig, Gaddis, Secretary Lamb and Chair Hazeltine

NOES: None

ABSENT: Light

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Hazeltine opened the floor to public comments.

Staff confirmed there were no eComments or Public Comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Chair Hazeltine closed the floor to public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Gaddis, seconded by Commissioner Conroy, to approve the Consent Calendar Items. Motion carried.

AYES: Boswell, Conroy, Craig, Gaddis, Secretary Lamb and Chair Hazeltine

NOES: None

ABSENT: Light

F.1. APPROVE THE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 18, 2024

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

None.

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Hazeltine opened the floor to public comments.

Staff confirmed there were four eComments received and no Public Comments.

Seeing no requests to speak, Chair Hazeltine closed the floor to public comments.

H.1. RECEIVE AND FILE PUBLIC WRITTEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. EX-PARTE COMMUNICATION

None.

J. PUBLIC HEARINGS

J.1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN EXEMPTION DECLARATION AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY ON AN EXISTING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON TRANSMISSION TOWER ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2504 MANHATTAN BEACH BOULEVARD IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY (P-ROW) ZONE

Motion by Commissioner Gaddis, seconded by Commissioner Conroy, to open the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection:

AYES: Boswell, Conroy, Craig, Gaddis, Secretary Lamb and Chair Hazeltine

NOES: None

ABSENT: Light

Chair Hazeltine administered the Audience Oath for individuals wishing to address the Planning Commission on the following Public Hearing.

Associate Planner Banfield provided the staff presentation regarding the consideration of an exemption declaration and conditional use permit for property located at 2504 Manhattan Beach Boulevard. The PowerPoint presentation included the following details:

- Subject Site
- Proposed Project
- Existing Photos
- Photo-Simulations
- Conditional Use Permit
- Staff Recommendation

Chair Hazeltine administered the Audience Oath for individuals wishing to address the Planning Commission on the following Public Hearing.

Commissioner Conroy asked whether the installation would be on an SCE, whether SCE was receiving revenue from Verizon, and for clarification regarding the antenna structure and whether there was any impact to the surrounding area and wildlife.

Associate Planner Banfield confirmed the installation and stated it was a leased asset.

Planning Manager Scully stated the project is a revenue source.

The applicant, spoke regarding the antenna frequencies and model and state he is not aware of any impact to wildlife.

Commissioner Boswell asked whether there is any radiation coming emitted from the antenna and secondarily whether the city is receiving any revenue from the wireless facility.

The applicant, stated there are radio frequencies from the tower and spoke regarding electromagnetic energy.

Planning Manager Scully stated the city only receives revenues if the facilities are located on City owned property and minimal revenues for facilities within the public right-of-way as set by the CPUC.

Commissioner Conroy asked if the applicant has looking into mitigating the effect of the look/aesthetics or cover the antennas to look like a pine tree.

The applicant, stated they are bound to SCE regulations related to antenna design.

Secretary Lamb spoke regarding whether surrounding cities or the county has explored this issue.

Commissioner Craig spoke regarding cellphone safety and spoke regarding radiation coming from the antenna and the overall safety of cell phones and antenna.

Chair Hazeltine opened the floor to public comments.

1. Daisy, Verizon Representative, stated Verizon completed an emission study and the study is part of the report. She also noted the emission report documented the safety of the facility.

Seeing no additional requests to speak, Chair Hazeltine closed the floor to public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Gaddis, seconded by Commissioner Craig, to close the Public Hearing. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection:

AYES: Boswell, Conroy, Craig, Gaddis, Secretary Lamb and Chair Hazeltine

NOES: None

ABSENT: Light

Motion by Commissioner Gaddis, seconded by Commissioner Conroy, to approve the Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Redondo Beach Adopting an Exemption Declaration and Approving the Request for a Conditional Use Permit to Allow the Installation and Operation of a Wireless Telecommunication Facility on an Existing Southern California Edison Transmission Tower on Property Located at 2504 Manhattan Beach Boulevard in the Public Right-of-Way (P-Row) Zone (Case No. CUP-2024-05). Motion carried.

AYES: Boswell, Conroy, Craig, Gaddis, Secretary Lamb and Chair Hazeltine

NOES: None

ABSENT: Light

J.2. CONTINUED TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2024

K. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

None.

L. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

M. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Planning Manager Scully announced Special Meeting of August 1, 2024 at 6:30 PM for the updated to the City's General Plan Land Use, Open Space and Conservation, Noise, and Safety Element.

Brief discussion ensued regarding eComments received for the update to the City's General Plan.

N. COMMISSION ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Craig spoke regarding a conditional use permit received from an attorney and asked whether there was follow-up.

Planning Manager Scully stated there was follow-up and the project in question will be placed before the Commission at a later date.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Gaddis, seconded by Commissioner Craig, to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. Motion carried unanimously, with no objection.

AYES: Boswell, Conroy, Craig, Gaddis, Secretary Lamb, and Chair Hazeltine

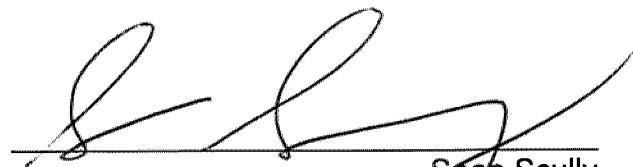
NOES: None

ABSENT: Light

The next meeting of the Redondo Beach Library Commission will be a Special Meeting to be held at 6:30 PM on August 1, 2024, in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, and via teleconference.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted:



Sean Scully
Planning Manager