



City of San Pablo Planning Commission MINUTES

Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm

City Hall Council Chambers, Building 2

13831 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806

Roll Call

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call showed present: Commissioner Shi, Commissioner Feliciano, and Chairman Morris. Vice Chair Harlan-Ogbeide and Commissioner Gantt were absent. Commissioner Gantt's residence is within 500 feet of APN 417-211-007, the site of today's public hearing. Due to this conflict Commissioner Gantt was not able to be present during the public hearing. Staff present at the meeting included: Lynn Tracy Nerland, City Attorney; Charles Ching, Community & Economic Development Director; Libby Tyler, Interim Planning Manager; Sandra Marquez, Assistant Planner; Michelle Chavez, Administrative Secretary; Captain Bubar, Lieutenant Benone and Sergeant Neece.

Public Comment

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Shi made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Feliciano and approved by a vote of 3-0-2.

AYES: Shi, Feliciano, Morris
NOES: None
ABSENT: Gantt, Harlan-Ogbeide
ABSTAIN: None

Appeal Date

Chairman Morris announced that the appeal date for actions taken by the Commission at this meeting would be no later than 6:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 7, 2019.**

Public Hearing(s)

1. **PLAN1907-0009:** Request to amend Use Permit #1386 to expand liquor license from type 42 to type 48 to allow full liquor sales, extend hours of operation from midnight to 2:00 a.m., and allow live entertainment at El Mexicano Bar located at 1835 23rd Avenue, San Pablo, CA 94806, APN: 411-090-023.

Location: 1835 23rd Street
APN: 411-090-023
Zoning: 23rd St. Specific Plan, Commercial Mixed Use
CEQA: Categorically exempt, Section 15301, Class 1 Existing Facility
Owner: Cecilio Garcia
Applicant: Melva Gamez
Staff Contact: Sandra Marquez, Assistant Planner

Assistant Planner Marquez, presented the staff report and answered questions from the Commissioners. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:18 p.m. Jose Luis Castro, Security Guard and son of the owner of El Mexicano, commented that La Movida has a full liquor license and has live entertainment. Sergeant Neece informed the Commission that there were

nine reports incidents at El Mexicano Bar over a six month period, January 2019 – June 2019. Rosa Lara, a consultant for El Mexicano Bar, requested a 6 or 12 month trial, probation period. Lieutenant Benone, informed the Commission that there were 76 reports of disturbances, 20 accidents, 10 incidents of shots fired and 3 DUI's within a 400ft radius of El Mexicana. The public hearing was closed at 6:37pm. City Attorney Nerland reopened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. After discussion amongst the Commissioners, Chair Morris made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Feliciano, to continue PLAN1907-0009 and Resolution PC19-09 to the October 22, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0-2. The Commission would like staff to present findings and conditions of approval to allow live entertainment.

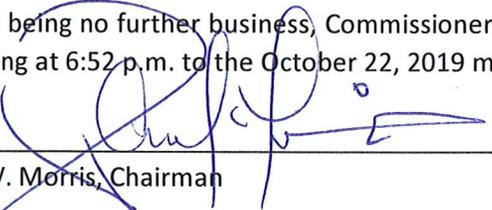
- AYES: Shi, Feliciano, Morris
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Gantt, Harlan-Ogbeide
- ABSTAIN: None

Staff Updates

Director Ching updated the Commissioners on the progress of the New City Hall. Substantial completion will occur in January 2020. The Planning Commissions are welcome to take a tour of the job site. Chairman Morris enjoyed touring the New City Hall.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Feliciano made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shi to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. to the October 22, 2019 meeting.



Paul V. Morris, Chairman



Charles Ching, Secretary