



CITY OF COSTA MESA

PLANNING COMMISSION

Agenda

Monday, December 11, 2023

6:00 PM

**City Council Chambers
77 Fair Drive**

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PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

ADAM ERETH
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Vice Chair

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Planning Commissioner

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Planning Commissioner

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Planning Commissioner

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Director of Economic and
Development Services

JIMMY VIVAR
Planning Commissioner

TARQUIN PREZIOSI
Assistant City Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: NONE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

Comments are limited to three (3) minutes, or as otherwise directed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Planning Commission, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. The public can make this request via email at PCPublicComments@costamesaca.gov and should include the item number to be addressed. Items removed from the Consent Calendar will be discussed and voted upon immediately following Planning Commission action on the remainder of the Consent Calendar

1. [**NOVEMBER 27, 2023 UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES**](#) [**23-1482**](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Planning Commission approve the regular meeting minutes for the November 27, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.

Attachments: [November 27, 2023 Unofficial Meeting Minutes](#)

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. [**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 13 \(PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT\) OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**](#) [**23-1486**](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution to:

1. Find that the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-XX is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule in that the affordable housing ordinance will not have a significant impact on the environment; and
2. Recommend that the City Council give first reading to Ordinance No. 2023-XX modifying Title 13 (Planning, Zoning, and Development) of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code (CMMC) to establish affordable housing requirements for new residential developments.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

[1. Draft Planning Commission Resolution](#)

[2. Draft Ordinance](#)

[2. Exhibit A to Draft Ordinance](#)

[3. Corridor Areas Map](#)

[4. Rent Comparison for State vs. City](#)

2. [POTENTIAL ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13 \(PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT\) OF THE COSTA MESA MUNICIPAL CODE AND REQUISITE MODIFICATIONS REQUIRED IN TITLE 9 \(BUSINESS LICENSES\) FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY'S RETAIL CANNABIS PROVISIONS](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission:

1. Receive the staff presentation, take public comments, and provide direction to staff regarding the remaining topics/issues identified by the City Council for potential modifications to the City's retail cannabis storefront program, which would potentially amend Costa Mesa Municipal Code (CMMC) Title 9 (Chapter VI - Cannabis Business Permits) and Title 13 (Chapter IX, Article 21 - Location of Cannabis Distributing, Manufacturing, Research and Development, Testing Laboratories, Retail Storefronts and Retail Nonstorefront Uses); and
2. Continue the item to a date certain for staff to return with a Draft Ordinance for recommendation to the City Council.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

3. MINOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION ZA-22-11 FOR A3-1484 DRIVE-THROUGH OPERATION AND A REDUCTION OF REQUIRED PARKING; DEVELOPMENT REVIEW (PDVR-23-0003) TO ALLOW THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING 25,159-SQUARE-FOOT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND TO CONSTRUCT A NEW 2,913-SQUARE-FOOT RAISING CANES RESTAURANT WITH 1,303-SQUARE-FOOT COVERED OUTDOOR PATIO AREA; MINOR MODIFICATION PMND-23-0003 TO ALLOW FOR A DECREASE OF 20% IN REQUIRED FRONT YARD/LANDSCAPE SETBACK; FOR A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1595 OLD NEWPORT BOULEVARD

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution to:

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Class 3), New Construction and Conversion of Small Structures and Section 15332 (Class 32 In-fill Development Projects); and
2. Approve ZA-22-011, PDVR-23-0003, and PMND-23-0003 subject to conditions of approval.

Attachments: [Agenda Report](#)

- [1. Draft Planning Commission Resolution](#)
- [2. Applicant Letter](#)
- [3. Vicinity Map](#)
- [4. Zoning Map](#)
- [5. Site Photos](#)
- [6. Air Quality Memorandum](#)
- [7. Noise Memorandum](#)
- [8. Traffic Study](#)
- [9. Project Plans](#)
- [10. Public Comments](#)

4. [PLANNING APPLICATION 22-22 FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A RETAIL CANNABIS STOREFRONT BUSINESS WITH DELIVERY LOCATED AT 1858 NEWPORT BOULEVARD \("EVOLV HERBAL"\)](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Planning Commission adopt a Resolution to:

1. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1), Existing Facilities; and
2. Approve Planning Application 22-22, subject to conditions of approval.

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OLD BUSINESS: NONE.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
2. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

1. CITY ATTORNEY

ADJOURNMENT

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:

Costa Mesa Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

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