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**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA  
PLANNING COMMISSION**

**May 09, 2022  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair de Arakal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Commissioner Jonny Rojas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Chair Byron de Arakal, Vice Chair Jon Zich, Commissioner Jonny Rojas, Commissioner Dianne Russell, Commissioner Russell Toler, Commissioner Jimmy Vivar

Absent: Commissioner Adam Ereth

Officials Present: Director of Economic and Development Services Jennifer Le, Assistant Development Services Director Scott Drapkin, Public Works Director Raja Sethuraman, Transportation Manager Jennifer Rosales, City Engineer Seung Yang, Active Transportation Manager Brett Atencio, Assistant City Attorney Tarquin Preziosi, Assistant Planner Gabriel Villalobos, and Recording Secretary Anna Partida

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA:**

No public comments.

Chair de Arakal closed public comments.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS:**

No Commissioner Comments.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

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**1. GENERAL PLAN CONFORMITY RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF COSTA MESA ONE-YEAR FY 2022-2023 AND FIVE-YEAR FY 2022-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS**

Resident, Cynthia McDonald, pulled item for comment.

Director of Public Services, Raja Sethuraman, presented staff report.

**Commission and staff discussion included:**

Discussion ensued on transportation projects and Active Transportation Committee's involvement, what transportation projects were included in the CIP, Open Streets event, City wide street improvement budget, traffic volume impacts on streets, and the Adams Avenue Project.

**Public comment:**

Cynthia McDonald, spoke on her concerns for the public's transportation safety. She asked the City to direct more funding to active transportation.

Speaker two, spoke on the Adams Avenue project and Willison street.

**Commission and staff discussion included:**

Discussion ensued on bike lane improvements and the transportation budget.

Chair de Arakal made motion to approve Consent Calendar item. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Zich.

Commissioner Toler spoke in support of the item.

Commissioner Toler spoke in support of the motion.

Vice chair Zich stated he was in support of the motion.

Commissioner Vivar stated he was in support of the motion.

**MOVED/SECOND: de Arakal/Zich**

**MOTION:** Moved to approve Consent Calendar.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: de Arakal, Zich, Russell, Rojas, Toler, Vivar

Nays: None

Absent: Ereth

Recused: None

Motion carried: 6-0

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**ACTION:** Planning Commission adopted a Resolution:

To find that the City's proposed CIP is in conformance with the 2015-2035 General Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. PC-2022-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED ONE-YEAR FY 2022-2023 AND FIVE-YEAR FY 2022-2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS ARE IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE CITY OF COSTA MESA 2015-2035 GENERAL PLAN**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- 1. PLANNING APPLICATION 22-01 FOR A CANNABIS DISTRIBUTION FACILITY ("OUTRAGEOUS VENTURES LLC") AT 3505 CADILLAC AVENUE, UNIT O-102**

No public comments were received on this item.

No ex-parte communications to report.

Assistant Planner, Gabe Villalobos, presented the staff report.

**Commission and staff discussion included:**

Discussion ensued on cannabis testing on-site, whom the third-party distributors would be, security, testing on site, whole distribution, who will receive a background check and the reason behind the applicant obtaining a distribution license.

Chair de Arakal opened the Public Hearing.

Krystal Kitahara, applicant, presented a slide show.

Chair de Arakal asked the applicants representative if they have read the conditions of approval and if they agreed with them.

**Commission, staff and Applicant discussion included:**

Discussion ensued on on-site testing, hiring within the community, loading and unloading of goods and security.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments.

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The Chair closed the public comment portion of the public hearing.

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Commissioner Vivar made motion. Seconded by Commissioner Russell.

**MOVED/SECOND: Vivar/Russell**

**MOTION:** Moved staff's recommendation.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: de Arakal, Zich, Rojas, Russell, Toler, Vivar

Nays: None

Absent: Ereth

Recused: None

Motion carried: 6-0

**ACTION:** Planning Commission adopted a Resolution:

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 22-01, subject to conditions of approval.

**RESOLUTION NO. PC- 2022-07 - A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING PLANNING APPLICATION 22-01 FOR A CANNABIS DISTRIBUTION FACILITY (OUTRAGEOUS VENTURES LLC) AT 3505 CADILLAC AVENUE, UNIT O-102**

The Chair explained the appeal process.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT(S):**

1. Public Services Report – Reported on National Bike to School Day and the Fairview Road bridge opening.
2. Development Services Department – Ms. Le announced the cancelation of the May 23, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REPORT(S)**

1. City Attorney - None.

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**ADJOURNMENT AT 8:05 P.M.**

Submitted by:

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SCOTT DRAPKIN, SECRETARY  
COSTA MESA PLANNING COMMISSION