Minutes

Planning Commission February 2, 2009 City of Orange Monday–7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Cunningham, Imboden, Merino, Steiner and Whitaker

ABSENT: None

STAFF

PRESENT: Ed Knight, Assistant Community Development Director

Gary Sheatz, Assistant City Attorney Robert Garcia, Associate Planner Sandi Dimick, Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION:

Chair Steiner opened the Administrative Session @ 6:50 p.m. with a review of the Agenda. He asked his fellow Commissioners if they were o.k. with the 6:45 p.m. Administrative Session start time. The Commissioners agreed it was adequate. Chair Steiner stated if they had a lengthy agenda or a project that required more discussion the Administrative Session could start at an earlier time.

Consent Calendar: Approval of Minutes from the meeting of January 5, 2009. No changes or corrections were noted. Commissioner Imboden stated he would abstain from voting as he had been absent.

New Hearings:

Item #2, Conditional Use Permit, St. Mary's Bingo. Chair Steiner stated the application had been presented approximately a year ago, and asked if the sole purpose of the CUP was to change the night of the Bingo event? Associate Planner, Robert Garcia stated that was correct. Commissioner Merino asked if there had been any opposition received on the application. Mr. Garcia stated he was not aware of any opposition. Commissioner Whitaker asked if the applicant was ready to meet the conditions set forth in the Staff Report. Mr. Garcia stated the applicant was agreeable and they had waited on presenting the application as they had not wanted to start the Bingo games and then reapply for a change in the night the games would be played on.

Additional information:

Chair Steiner asked Staff if Step Up Recovery had filed an appeal?

Assistant Community Development Director, Ed Knight stated the applicant had filed an appeal that would be heard at the February 24, 2009 City Council Meeting. Chair Steiner asked Mr. Knight to keep the Commissioners informed of the outcome of that meeting.

Administrative session closed at 6:55 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION:

COMMISSION REORGANIZATION:

Election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner Merino stated he would like to nominate Vice-Chairperson Whitaker to be the next Chairperson.

Commissioner Whitaker stated he would decline the nomination, as there were times when he was not able to attend on the 3rd Monday of the month, and he preferred to remain in his current role or go off as one of the officers until he was able to resolve the conflict.

Commissioner Imboden stated he had been more than satisfied with where they had been during the past year, and he made a motion to leave the organization as it currently stood, if both the Chair and Vice-Chair were agreeable to that?

Chair Steiner stated he would be glad to continue to serve as Chair. Vice-Chair Whitaker stated he could remain in his position.

Chair Steiner asked Assistant City Attorney, Gary Sheatz, if the motion for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson needed to be separate motions or could the motion be made jointly?

Mr. Sheatz stated the motion could be made jointly.

Chair Steiner stated he had heard the motion as a request to retain the current organization and that motion was before the Commission.

SECOND: Commissioner Cunningham

AYES: Commissioners Cunningham, Imboden, Merino, Steiner and Whitaker

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

Chair Steiner thanked his fellow Commissioners for their vote of confidence and their support and stated it was appreciated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

CONSENT CALENDAR:

(1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2009

Chair Steiner made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 5, 2009 as written.

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SECOND: Commissioner Merino

AYES: Commissioners Cunningham, Merino, Steiner and Whitaker

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Imboden

ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

NEW HEARINGS:

(2) CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2740-08-ST. MARY'S BINGO

A proposal to modify Conditional Use Permit 2676-07 which currently allows bingo games on Thursday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The request would allow the bingo games to be conducted on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 1515 E. Taft Avenue

NOTE: The proposed project is categorically exempt from the

provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Class 1 – Existing Facilities) because the project will take place

within an existing use.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Planning Commission Resolution No. 03-09 recommending that the City Council approve CUP 2740-08 to modify CUP 2676-07 allowing a bingo facility at that location.

Associate Planner Robert Garcia presented a project overview consistent with the Staff Report.

Chair Steiner opened the item for any questions to Staff.

Commissioner Whitaker stated at the last presentation there had been several questions in respect to parking insecurity and he asked if those conditions had been complied with.

Mr. Garcia stated yes.

Chair Steiner asked the applicant to step forward to address the Commission.

Applicant, Joseph Jabbour, address on file, thanked the Commissioners for their presence. He stated that all they intended to do was to change the day of Bingo from Thursday to Tuesday. On Thursday there was another bingo event directly down the street where they proposed to play. They had decided to ask for a change which would mean St. Mary's would have the only bingo game operating on Tuesday and it would not create competition.

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Chair Steiner asked if there were any questions for the applicant; there were none. He stated there was not a need to open the hearing for public input as no other speaker cards had been presented.

Commissioner Whitaker made a motion to approve Resolution PC 03-09, recommending approval to the City Council of Conditional Use Permit 2740-08, for modification to Conditional Use Permit 2676-07, St. Mary's Bingo.

SECOND: Commissioner Imboden

AYES: Commissioners Cunningham, Imboden, Merino, Steiner and Whitaker

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

(3) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Steiner made a motion for adjournment to the next regular scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

SECOND: Commissioner Merino

AYES: Commissioners Cunningham, Imboden, Merino, Steiner and Whitaker

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:08 P.M.