

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS

REGULAR MEETING – April 23, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission/Subdivision Committee met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025, in the Council Chamber located at 3191 Katella Avenue, Los Alamitos, CA 90720.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: Chair Culty,
Heichman, Griego, Hastie, Legere

Staff: Chet Simmons, City Manager
Irving Montenegro Jr., Development Services
Manager
Michael Daudt, City Attorney
Tom Oliver, Senior Planner
Gabriela Martinez, Department Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Culty led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operating Budget

City Manager Simmons delivered a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Annual Operating Budget and opened the floor up for questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Griego shared a traffic concern on Bloomfield Street surrounding Los Alamitos Elementary School and Friday Night Lights.

City Manager Simmons touched on the future of adding a crosswalk to safely cross Bloomfield Street that will be federally funded through a grant from former Congresswoman Steel.

Commissioner Legere shared appreciation for Stern's Park renovations and inquired about the future remodel of the other parks within the city.

City Manager Simmons touched on the City's three parks that have been renovated or currently scheduled for renovation: Stern's Park, Labourdette Park, and Soroptimist Park.

Commissioner Legere shared his observance of baseball teams practicing at Orville Lewis Park and inquired if there have been any discussions on potential shared land use with the Joint Forces Training Base (JFTB) and Los Alamitos Youth Baseball (LAYB).

City Manager Simmons provided insight into the City's future management of the JFTB pool, the gym, the future pickleball courts, and the baseball fields for LAYB.

Chair Cuijty shared her admiration for the Police Department and their response time to all situations.

City Manager Simmons shared some highlights on the police department.

Vice Chair Hastie provided some history on the JFTB Base and shared some advice on having any agreement put into writing to prevent future unforeseen changes.

City Manager Simmons touched on the JFTB and his experience with working hand in hand with past and present Commanders also the longevity of the agreement deals running a span of 9 years vs. single year agreements.

Vice Chair Hastie inquired about the diagonal parking on Lexington Drive and Los Alamitos Boulevard & Cerritos Avenue bike lane traffic.

City Manager Simmons shared the following:

- The future plans to help reduce traffic throughout the city while also providing additional parking.
- The addition of stop signs citywide.
- The presentation of different options to the City Council regarding the bike lanes at the intersection of Los Alamitos Boulevard and Cerritos Avenue.

Vice Chair Hastie shared his agreement with the viewpoints and discussion that City Manager Simmons shared. He then asked about the Council Chambers future remodel.

City Manager Simmons touched on the future renovation plans to remodel different buildings within the city such as City Hall, the Council Chambers, and the Public Works building.

Commissioner Heichman shared the following:

- Excitement for the future park renovations happening within the City.
- Applauded the City for having a dedicated Intergovernmental Affairs representative.
- Her likes on the Lexington Drive diagonal parking spots.

- More local resources for Veterans to help relieve the impact that Long Beach VA has faced.
- Inquired about addition plans within the Economic Strategic Plan other than the Pine Street renovation.

City Manager Simmons provided depth into the Economic Development Plan.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Cuijty opened oral communication.

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6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of February 26, 2025, Planning Commission Minutes

Motion/Second: Hastie/Legere

Carried 5/0 (5/0): The Planning Commission approved February 26, 2025, Planning Commission Minutes.

10. ITEMS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR

Development Services Manager Montenegro Jr. briefly discussed the following upcoming events:

- Arbor Day scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Little Cottonwood Park.
- Neighborhood Clean Up Day event scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. located between Pine Street and Florista Street.
- Improvement to the I-605 on ramp & off ramp construction is due to start roughly in June and extend over a year.
- Staff is continuing to work on Commissioner Hastie's request for a list of vacancies for both commercial and residential units within the City.

11. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Vice Chair Hastie shared his thanks to the City for throwing the Spring Carnival and the reminder of his vacancy requests.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m. to May 28, 2025.

ATTEST:

Signed by:

Mary Anne Culty

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Mary Anne Culty, Chair

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Gabriela Martinez

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