Los Angeles City Council, Journal/Council Proceedings
Wednesday, January 23, 2013
John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340, City Hall - 11:00 am

- - - SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - - -

11:00 A.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER
AS COUNCIL RECESSES ITS REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL - Members present: Buscaino, Englander, Garcetti, Huizar, Koretz, Krekorian, LaBonge, Parks, Perry, Rosendahl and Zine (11); Absent: Alarcón, Reyes and President Wesson (3); Vacant: Council District Six

Item for Which Public Hearing Has Not Been Held - Item 19
(10 Votes Required for Consideration)

ITEM NO. (19) - ADOPTED, AS AMENDED - FORTHWITH - SEE FOLLOWING

Adopted as Amended, Ayes (11); Absent: ALARCON, REYES, WESSON (3)

12-1657-S2
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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR), STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, CONSIDERATION OF MOTION (LABONGE - REYES) and COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION (LACPC) relative to amending Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 13.11 to establish the Universal City sign district located at 100 Universal City Plaza within the Sherman Oaks-Studio City-Toluca Lake-Cahuenga Pass Community Plan.

Recommendations for Council action:

1. CERTIFY that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR No. ENV-2007-254-EIR, State Clearing House No. 2007071036) has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the State Guidelines and the City Guidelines and that the City Council has reviewed the information contained therein and considered it along with other factors related to this project; that this determination reflects the independent judgment of the City of Los Angeles; and that the documents constituting the record of proceedings in this matter are located in Council file No. 12-1657-S2 in the custody of the City Clerk and in the files of the Department of City Planning in the custody of the Environmental Review Section; and ADOPT the Environmental Impact Report.
2. ADOPT the FINDINGS made pursuant to and in accordance with Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code and the Statement of Overriding Considerations prepared by the City Planning Department and ADOPT the Statement of Overriding Considerations.

3. ADOPT the FINDINGS pursuant to and in accordance with Section 21081.6 of the California State Public Resources Code, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program as the Findings of Council and ADOPT the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

4. ADOPT the FINDINGS of the LACPC, including the Environmental Findings, as the Findings of the Council.

5. AMEND the LACPC action taken on October 25, 2012 to include the adoption of the following clarifications:

   a. Up to six pole signs in Sign Sub-district Four that measure up to 600 square feet each in sign area are permitted; that such signs require Project Permit Compliance approval; that such 600 square-foot pole signs are allowed as on-site signs and prohibited in all other Sign Sub-districts; that the total number of such pole signs and general wall signs combined in Sub-district Four shall not exceed twelve signs; and that such pole signs shall be limited to 40 feet in height above grade, be designed to be integrated with street furniture and the sidewalk and streetscape design, and/or shall include asymmetrical supports to de-emphasize the support pole(s), and the lighting shall be integrated into the frame of the pole sign and shall not have visible isolated lamp sources.

   b. Pole signs that measure up to 25 square feet each in sign area are permitted in all Sign Sub-districts, except Sign Sub-district Six; that such signs require Director sign-off; and that such pole signs shall be limited to information signs.

   c. Definition of interior signs does not include signs within a building.

   d. With regard to the procedural requirements for Director sign-off that following Director sign-off, the Department of Building and Safety or the Department of Public Works, as applicable, may issue a permit.

   e. Projecting signs that measure 75 square feet or more in area require Project Permit Compliance approval.

   f. Procedural requirements for Project Permit Compliance that the application materials and findings for Project Permit Compliance are required relative to the applicable Sign Sub-district.

   g. With regard to the general requirements for vertical sign zones that the Level Three vertical sign zone is applicable to all signs located above vertical sign zone Level Two or the top ten percent of a building that is 150 feet or less in height above grade.

   h. Setback area sign limitation applies to all signs in the 100 foot setback area in the [Q]C2 zone (established by Ordinance No. 182321) in Sign Sub-districts One and Two adjacent to the existing Hollywood Manor residential area, except signs required by law.
i. Permitted sign types listed in Table No. Two of the recommended ordinance shall not include a reference to mural signs in any sign Sub-District, but shall include pole signs in Sign Sub-districts One, Three, Four and Five and that the identification and information signs in Sign Sub-district Two may take the form of wall or pole signs.

j. With regard to general requirements that all illuminated signs shall be limited to no more than two foot-candles from sunset to sunrise, as measured at the property line of the nearest residentially zoned properties outside the boundaries of the Universal City Sign District.

k. Illumination plans are required for supergraphic signs subject to Project Permit Compliance.

l. There are no digital signs in the Sign District that the illumination standard of maximum total lumen output of more than 20 lumens per square foot is not applicable to the Universal City Sign District.

2. REQUEST the City Attorney to Prepare and Present the final ordinance as to form and legality incorporating the above items and authorize the City Attorney to make other technical corrections necessary to implement the above.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The LACPC reports that there is no General Fund impact as administrative costs are recovered through fees.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

(Planning and Land Use Management Committee waived consideration of the above matter)

ADOPTED

AMENDING MOTION (LABONGE - ENGLANDER)

Recommendations for Council action:

1. DELETE recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 because the Council already acted on these recommendations on November 14, 2012, when the Council certified the Environmental Impact Report for the NBC Universal Evolution Plan; adopted the Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations; adopted the Findings and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and adopted the Findings, including the Environmental Findings, of the LACPC as the Findings of the Council.

2. REVISE recommendation No. 2 as follows:

REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present the final ordinance as to form and legality incorporating the above items set forth in recommendation No. 5 and authorize the City Attorney to make other technical corrections necessary to implement the above.
Whereupon the Special Council meeting did adjourn.

ATTEST: June Lagmay, CITY CLERK

By

Council Clerk

PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL