



# **CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS**

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

### **ACTION MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 9, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CARL MAY COMMUNITY CENTER  
11711 West Drive, Desert Hot Springs, California**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Buchanan called the Regular Planning Commission to order at 6:03 P.M.

### **SWEARING-IN OF NEW COMMISISONER, ROBERT GRIFFITH**

Jerryl Soriano, City Clerk, administered the Oath to Robert Griffith.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Present:**

Commissioners: Gary Gardner, James Nindel, Ronald Griffith

Vice Chairman: Scott De la Torre

Chairman: Larry Buchanan

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Griffith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Action:** Gardner moved to approve the October 9, 2018 regular meeting agenda, motion seconded by Nindel, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

### **MINUTES**

#### **Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes, August 28, 2018**

*Community Development Administrative Assistant, Ana Morales*

**Recommendation:** Approve as submitted; or corrected.

Action: Gardner moved to approve the August 28, 2018 Planning Commission minutes, motion seconded by Buchanan, motion carried 4/0 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 4 - De la Torre, Buchanan, Gardner, Nindel  
Passed NOES: 0 - (None)  
ABSTAIN: 1 - Griffith

### **Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2018**

*Community Development Administrative Assistant, Ana Morales*

**Recommendation:** Approve as submitted; or corrected.

Action: Gardner moved to approve September 11, 2018 Planning Commission minutes, motion seconded by Nindel, motion carried 3/0 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 3 - Buchanan, Gardner, Nindel  
Passed NOES: 0 - (None)  
ABSTAIN: 2 - De la Torre, Griffith

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no Public Comments.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Sign Review No. 22-18; an application to revise a previously approved 200 square foot pylon sign face for the Harborside Cannabis Sales Facility located near the southwest corner of Paul Road and Rita Way in the Commercial Retail (CR) Zone. APN: 660-160-008, -009, -010, -011.**

*Daniel Porras, Community Development Director*

**Recommendation:** 1) Staff Report;  
2) Entertain Questions of Staff from Planning Commission;  
3) Open the Public Hearing;  
4) Take Testimony from Applicant;  
5) Take Public Testimony;  
6) Opportunity for Applicant Rebuttal;  
7) Close the Public Hearing;  
8) Planning Commission discussion and questions to Staff;  
and  
9) Consider a motion that the Planning Commission approve Sign Review No. 22-18 with one of the revised sign face options proposed, subject to Staff's recommended Conditions of Approval. APN 660-160-008, -009, -010, -011.

Patricia Meza, Planning Technician, presented the staff report and responded to questions.

Chair Buchanan opened Public Hearing.

Mike Platt, representing Harborside (formerly Accucana Health Centers) addressed the commission.

Chair Buchanan closes the Public Hearing.

Action: De la Torre moved to approve Sign Review No. 22-18 Option 1, subject to the following conditions: Applicant/Developer shall not use green neon illumination or Cannabis leaves on sign, motion seconded by Buchanan, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 5 - De la Torre, Buchanan, Gardner, Nindel, Griffith  
Passed NOES: 0 - (None)

2. **Planned Development No. 01-18 (& DR 02-18, CUP 02-18) An application for development of a 86 room hotel & spa (Best Western Plus) located at the southwest corner of Palm Drive and 8th Street in the Visitor Serving Village Zoning District.**

*Daniel Porras, Community Development Director*

**Recommendation:** 1) Staff Report;  
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3) Open the Public Hearing;  
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6) Opportunity for Applicant Rebuttal;  
7) Close the Public Hearing;  
8) Planning Commission discussion and questions to Staff;  
and  
9) At the request of the Applicant City Staff is recommending that the Planning Commission continue the item to a date certain of November 13, 2018.

Action: Gardner moved to continue the Public Hearing to November 13, 2018, motion seconded by De la Torre, motion carried 5/0 by the following vote:

Vote: AYES: 5 - De la Torre, Buchanan, Gardner, Nindel, Griffith  
Passed NOES: 0 - (None)

**ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR**

Chair Buchanan inquired about a potential special meeting and the status of the Tuscan Hills Project.

Daniel Porras, Director of Community Development, responded to questions.

**CHAIR AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR REPORT**

There were no reports.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nicholas Leon addressed the commission regarding his interest in starting a Cannabis Lounge in the City of Desert Hot Springs.

## ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Chair Buchanan adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

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Ana Morales, Recording Secretary

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