

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Highland was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Hamerly at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

Present:	Chair	Randall Hamerly
	Vice Chair	Chandra Thomas
	Commissioner	Craig Graves
	Commissioner	Jarrold Miller
	Commissioner	David Saran

Staff Present: Lawrence Mainez, Community Development Director
Kim Stater, Assistant Community Development Director
Angela Tafolla, Associate Planner
Camille Duarte, Administrative Assistant III

Chair Hamerly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNITY INPUT (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the March 19, 2024 Regular Meeting.
A MOTION was made by Commissioner Graves and seconded by Vice Chair Thomas to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried, 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. One year review of the upgraded Alcoholic Beverage Control License Type 21 (Off-Sale Beer, Wine, and Distilled Spirits) at an existing Valero vehicle fueling station convenience store Have A Snack in accordance with Conditional Use Permit No. 23-002 (Condition of Approval no. 11). (Location: 27767 Base Line, Applicant: Aysar Helo)

Associate Planner Tafolla presented the staff report.

Chair Hamerly asked was the incident an alcohol related disturbance due to beverages purchased, or if someone came in already intoxicated?

Assistant Planner Tafolla stated those notes are not provided in the calls for service. It stated that a call at that address was related to alcohol.

Chair Hamerly stated a previous discussion was a numerous amount of calls were on the original 2023 report where the disturbance occurred, but not directly related to activities that were on site.

Assistant Planner Tafolla stated people can report an issue to the Sheriff's Department and give the address next door, and the activity will be recorded in the system at the Have A Snack address.

Commissioner Miller asked how does the one call in the previous year compared to years prior to that incident?

Assistant Planner Tafolla stated when we reviewed the last report there were two related alcohol calls. That previous call for service was a 14 month period.

Chair Hamerly opened the public hearing.

Applicant Aysar Helo stated we have not had issues. We are seeing less homelessness, and it is beneficial to our business. We have done a complete interior upgrade. I do not recall anything within the last year that had to do with alcohol. Our sales are very limited because we do not carry large amounts of alcohol. We lock the doors at night and have a pass through window. We check identification every time alcohol is purchased.

Chair Hamerly closed the public hearing.

Community Development Director Mainez stated this is technically you receive and file, but to determine in the motion if there was a significant increase in crime following issuance of the ABC license. It appears there was not an increase.

Commissioner Saran asked will we revisit this in 12 months or was a onetime matter?

Chair Hamerly stated it was only for 12 months. We went against the Sheriff's Department recommendation for denial, it is a protective measure to make sure that there was not an increase in crime within 12 months.

A MOTION was made by Chair Hamerly and seconded by Commissioner Saran to receive and file Staff's Report and showed a decrease in crime incidence at Have A Snack between the 2023 and 2024 report. Motion carried, 5-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Planning Commission Regular Meeting is scheduled May 7, 2024.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Hamerly declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Camille Duarte, Administrative Assistant III

Randall Hamerly, Chair

