

City Planning Commission
Sacramento, California

Members in Session:

SUBJECT: A. Environmental Determination

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendment relating to transmittal time
for major project review by the City Council (M87-005)

LOCATION Central City

SUMMARY: The proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment would increase the transmittal time for major projects to the City Council from five days to 21 days as required by recent amendments to the Brown Act. Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommend adoption of the attached Zoning Ordinance amendment to the City Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 1986 the State Legislature made amendments to the Brown Act which deals with open meeting requirements for local government bodies. These amendments require local agencies to post an agenda prior to each meeting of a legislative body and provide an opportunity for the public to address a legislative body, generally prohibits a legislative body from acting on items not appearing in an agenda, and authorizes the bringing of suite to void certain actions taken in violation of the Brown Act (AB 2674-Connolly). These amendments took effect January 1, 1987.

The City Clerk reviewed the City Zoning Ordinance to determine whether any portion of the ordinance would need to be amended in order to comply with the new Brown Act requirements. It was determined that a change was needed in the transmittal time for special permits for major projects to the City Council. In the past, the Planning Director has been required to provide the City Council a summary of the Planning Commission's decision on a major project within five days of the Planning Commission hearing. The summary was heard under "Additional Items" on the Council Agenda. The Brown Act now requires that any major project review by the City Council be listed as a regular hearing item on the Council Agenda and sufficient time must be allowed for the City Clerk to place the major project review on the agenda. Staff recommends that the Planning Director be required to provide a summary of the Planning Commission's decision on the major project to the City Council within 21 days of the Commission's decision in order to allow sufficient time to write the transmittal to the City Council and place the item on the Council Agenda.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The Environmental Coordinator has determined that the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment and has filed a Negative Declaration.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the following actions:

A. Ratification of the Negative Declaration;

B. Recommend approval of the attached Zoning Ordinance amendment and forward to City Council for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

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Principal Planner

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