

4. PLANNING COMMISSION SYNOPSIS - MAY 14, 2025

No action is required unless the City Council elects to review the decision of the Planning Commission on the item where the Commission's action was final. 320



**SYNOPSIS
PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 14, 2025**

**SPECIAL MEETING
6:00 P.M.
NORWALK CITY HALL/COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Linda Lopez, Chair
Kim Apodaca, Vice Chair
Rosa Barragan, Planning Commissioner
Chris Macias, Planning Commissioner
Lisa Vernola-Salas, Planning Commissioner**

Public Comment: The public is encouraged to address the Planning Commission on any matter listed on the agenda or on any other matter within its jurisdiction subject to the rules and proceedings described in Section 2.16.060 of the Norwalk Municipal Code. If you wish to address the Planning Commission, please complete the card that is provided at the rear entrance to Council Chambers and hand the card to the Secretary. The Planning Commission will hear public comment on items listed on the agenda during discussion of the matter and prior to a vote. The Planning Commission will hear public comment on matters not listed on the agenda during the Oral Communications period.

Pursuant to provisions of the **Brown Act**, no action may be taken on a matter unless it is listed on the agenda, or unless certain emergency or special circumstances exist. The Planning Commission may direct staff to investigate and/or schedule certain matters for consideration at a future Planning Commission meeting.

Please adhere to the following procedures when addressing the Planning Commission:

- ◆ Comments should be limited to 3 minutes or less.
- ◆ Comments should be directed to the Planning Commission as a whole and not directed to individual Planning Commission members.

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Note: Any writings and/or documents provided to a majority of the Planning Commission regarding any item on this agenda after it has been posted will also be made available for public inspection.

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CALL TO ORDER
FLAG SALUTE
ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

6:00 P.M.
Commissioner Vernola-Salas
Commissioner Macias, Commissioner Vernola-Salas, and Vice
Chair Apodaca. Commissioner Barragan and Chair Lopez were
absent.

1. **MEETING MINUTES** – Staff recommends that the Planning Commission approve the minutes of the Special Planning Commission Meeting of April 23, 2025.
Planning Commission Action: Approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. DIRECTOR APPROVAL REQUEST (DAR) NO. 2025-04

Robert Drieslein on behalf of Norwalk Taco Factory (“Applicant”); a request to permit the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption (Type 41 ABC license) in an existing 1,400 square foot bona fide restaurant within an approximately 1.39-acre commercial shopping center. The subject property is generally known as 12227 Norwalk Boulevard located within Paddison Square on the southwest corner of Norwalk Boulevard and Crewe Street (also known as Assessor’s Parcel Number (“APN”) 8024-024-023) in the General Commercial (C-3) Zone.

Environmental: Consider and find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

Staff Recommendation: That the Planning Commission:

- (a) Adopt Resolution No. 25-07 to approve Director Approval Request (DAR) No. 2025-04 subject to the Conditions of Approval contained in Exhibit “A”; and
- (b) Consider and find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities).

Planning Commission Action: Approved staff’s recommendation subject to revised conditions by a vote of 3-0.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Alex Hamilton, Interim Director of Community Development, shared that staff will be attending the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) conference next week in Las Vegas. He stated that staff have two full days of meetings with hotel developers, brokers and potential restaurant businesses; and that he will report back to the Commission on the results.

ADJOURNMENT

6:26 P.M.