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REGULAR MEETING:

City Hall, 303 East B Street

Called to order by Vice-Chairman Downs at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

Present:

Downs, Delman, Gage, Mautz, and Ricci

Absent:

Willoughby and Gregorek

OTHERS PRESENT:

Planning Director Murphy, City Attorney Rice, Principal Planner

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Ricci.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No one responded from the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one responded from the audience.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

A. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REVIEW FOR FILE NO. PDA15-001: A Development Agreement by and between SRG Acquisitions LLC, Craig Development Corporation, and City of Ontario, to facilitate the development of approximately 3 million square feet of industrial land uses, 1.1 million square feet of commercial land uses (including up to 600 hotel rooms), and up to 800 residential units, on approximately 257.7 acres of land generally located on the north side of Interstate 10 Freeway, between Vineyard and Archibald Avenues, within the Meredith International Centre Specific Plan. The proposed project is located within the Airport Influence Area of Ontario International Airport (ONT) and was evaluated and found to be consistent with the policies and criteria of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP) for ONT. The environmental impacts of this project were previously analyzed in the Meredith International Center Specific Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH No. 2014051020), certified by the City Council on April 7, 2015. The project will not result in the introduction of any environmental impacts not previously identified by the EIR. (APNs: 0110-311-12, 15, 21,

24, 26, 28, 32, 33, 36, 37, 43 & 44; and 0110-321-05 & 25 through 29); submitted by SRG Acquisitions, LLC. City Council action is required.

Planning Director Scott Murphy gave the staff report. He noted that originally the Meredith Specific Plan was approved by the City Council in 1981. More recently on April 7th, the City Council approved an Amendment that provided for industrial uses, urban uses and urban residential uses. In conjunction with that approval, a Tentative Parcel Map was also approved. Mr. Murphy discussed the extensive street and infrastructure improvements required. The proposed Development Agreement provides some certainty with the entitlements being valid for 10 years. Mr. Murphy stated that the action by the Planning Commission would be recommendation for final action to the City Council.

No one responded.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Patrick Russell of SRG Acquisitions appeared and spoke. He thanked everyone and gave them a chance to ask questions.

As there was no one else wishing to speak, Vice-Chairman Downs closed the public testimony

Ms. Mautz shared that she thought this was the next logical step in the project and that it would be a bonus to the City of Ontario and the area. Ms. Mautz made a motion to approve with a second by Mr. Ricci.

Mr. Gage comments that there was once hope this property would be a "downtown" type of area, but the City of Ontario has a downtown and he supports this plan.

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION

It was moved by Mautz, seconded by Ricci, to recommend approval the Development Agreement. Roll call vote: AYES, Gage, Mautz, Ricci, Delman, and Downs; NOES, none; RECUSE, none; ABSENT, Gregorek and Willoughby. The motion was carried 5 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mautz motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gage. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Secretary Pro Tempore

Chairman, Planning Commission