Function of a Public Hearing: A public hearing enables the public to present information, opinions, and arguments relevant to the actions of the Planning Commission, and informs the public about the details of a proposal.

Speaker Registration: Persons wishing to speak on a particular item on the agenda shall file a speaker form with Planning staff PRIOR to the Planning Commission’s consideration of the item on the agenda. Once discussion of the agenda item begins, only those persons who have previously submitted speaker forms shall be permitted to speak on the item. Speakers will be called after the project applicant has made a presentation. Anyone who wishes to address the Planning Commission on a topic that is not on the agenda and is relevant to the Commission’s purpose may file a speaker form with Planning Department staff at any time before or during the meeting and will be called to speak during the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

Consent Calendar: In order to allow the Commission to complete their reviews within the time they have offered to serve, applications that are considered routine will be placed on the consent calendar (marked “CC” on the agenda) with a staff recommendation to approve, conditionally approve, continue or hold the item over to a date certain. The Commission may act in one motion to adopt the staff recommendations on those items. Before voting on the consent calendar, the Chair will ask if any members of the public wish to speak on any of the items on the consent calendar. If you wish to speak on an item on the consent calendar, you need to rise and request that it be removed from the consent calendar. The item will then be discussed in the numerical order in which it appears. Items for which the recommendation is to hold the item over may not be removed from the consent calendar by members of the public. Staff and Commission members may also remove items from the consent calendar.

Public Hearing Procedure: (1) Chair opens the hearing; (2) City staff explains the application and presents a preliminary analysis; (3) Applicant speaks; (4) Persons in favor of the project speak; (5) Persons opposing the project speak; (6) Applicant and proponents may rebut; (7) Opponents may also rebut; (8) City staff presents its summary and recommendations; (9) Commission discussion; (10) Hearing is closed; (11) Commission votes to approve, deny, approve in a modified form, postpone, or take the application under advisement; (12) Chair informs the audience of the Commission's action, outlines the appeal procedure, and states when the action becomes final.

Time Limits: In the interest of conducting an orderly and efficient meeting, the following time limits apply: (1) The applicant shall limit presentation of the project to 10 minutes unless the time is extended by a two-thirds majority vote of the Commission; (2) Speakers in favor of the project are limited to 3 minutes each unless there are 10 or more speakers, pro and con, signed up to speak on the item, in which case each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes; (3) The initial speaker opposing the project shall be limited to 10 minutes or, if the Commission voted to grant the applicant more time, the initial speaker in opposition shall have the same amount of time to speak that the applicant had; (4) Each subsequent speaker opposed to the project shall be limited to 3 minutes each unless there are 10 or more speakers, pro and con, signed up to speak on the item, in which case each speaker will be limited to 2 minutes; (5) The applicant shall have 2 minutes to respond to comments; and (6) One of the speakers in opposition to the project shall have 2 minutes to respond to the applicant’s rebuttal.

In non-application items, following the initial staff presentation all speakers will be limited to 5 minutes.

If the Commission finds that it will be unable to complete the meeting by 11:00 p.m., the Commission may continue a portion of the agenda to a subsequent meeting or vote to extend the meeting. A motion to extend the meeting requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Commission to pass. The Commission shall endeavor to conclude the meeting by midnight.

Zoning Legislative Hearings: Notice of hearings on proposed zoning ordinances or amendments will be given in compliance with Government Code §65090 and §65091.

Exhaustion of Remedies Requirement: If you challenge a decision by the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at any public hearing(s) on the item challenged or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing(s).
Appealing Planning Commission Decisions: The decisions of the Planning Commission may be appealed within ten days of the decision by notifying the City Clerk in writing, stating wherein the Planning Commission decision is in error. The appeal fee is $150.
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ROLL CALL
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CONSENT CALENDAR: 4, 5, 6, 7

BROWN ACT
PUBLIC FORUM - Anyone who wishes to address the Planning Commission on a topic that is not already on the agenda and is relevant to the Commission’s purpose may submit a speaker form to Planning Department staff at the beginning of the meeting. A three-minutes-per-speaker time limit shall apply.

HOLD OVER ITEMS

1. PLN10-123: New Vocational School
   PUBLIC HEARING to consider a conditional use permit for a vocational education school at 228 W. Richmond Avenue (APN: 558-140-022). MFR-1, Multi-Family Residential District.
   Georgena Mcdonald, owner; Kevin Mcdonald, applicant
   Planner: Lamont Thompson
   Tentative Recommendation: Conditional Approval

2. PLN10-136: Subway Sandwich Shop
   PUBLIC HEARING to consider a conditional use permit to operate and establish a Subway eating establishment (fast food) at an existing commercial space at 213 Tewksbury Avenue (APN: 558-312-002). C-1, Neighborhood Commercial District.
   Douglas Pryne, owner; Manoj Trpathi, applicant
   Planner: Hector Lopez
   Tentative Recommendation: Conditional Approval

3. PLN10-213: La Perla Taco Truck
   PUBLIC HEARING to consider a conditional use permit to operate a new taco truck at 12277 San Pablo Avenue (APN: 517-100-001). C-2, General Commercial District.
   David & Leslie Vallerga, owner; Maria Arechiga, applicant
   Planner: Hector Rojas
   Tentative Recommendation: Conditional Approval
NEW ITEMS

CC 4. PLN09-148: T-Mobile Wireless Facility

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a conditional use permit to allow a new wireless telecommunication antenna on the roof of an existing commercial building at 12989 San Pablo Avenue (APN: 526-040-003). C-2, General Commercial District.

Kim Sang Pil & Nam Im, owners; T-Mobile – Jeff Lienert, applicant

Planner: Hector Lopez

Tentative Recommendation: Conditional Approval

CC 5. PLN10-201: Wuling Karaoke Restaurant Beer & Wine Sales

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a conditional use permit to allow live entertainment and beer & wine service for an existing restaurant at 10561 San Pablo Avenue (APN: 507-070-009). C-2, General Commercial District.

Lisa Lee, owner; Ya-En Lee, applicant

Planner: Kieron Slaughter

Tentative Recommendation: Conditional Approval

CC 6. PLN11-002: Zoning Text Amendment (ZTC11-01)

PUBLIC HEARING to consider an Amendment to the City of Richmond Municipal Code Chapters 15.04 of the Zoning Ordinance to correct typographical errors and expand the definition of small recycling centers to include clothing donation boxes for recycling textiles.

City of Richmond, applicant

Planner: Jonelyn Whales

Tentative Recommendation: Recommend Adoption by City Council

CC 7. PLN09-114: Outdoor Vendor Moratorium

PUBLIC HEARING to consider a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, processing and approval of applications and permits for all outdoor vendors citywide.

City of Richmond, applicant

Planner: Hector Rojas

Tentative Recommendation: Recommend Adoption by City Council
PRESENTATION

8. PLN09-137: Housing Element Update

PRESENTATION to receive Planning Commission input on the city’s draft housing element for the current 2007-2014 planning period. The Housing Element is a state mandated element of the general plan which assesses a jurisdiction’s housing needs and provides goals and policies to address those needs. The draft Housing Element is available for public review on the City’s General Plan website: www.cityofrichmondgeneralplan.org
Planning and Building Services, applicant
Planner: Hector Rojas

Tentative Recommendation: No Action

COMMISSION BUSINESS

9. Discuss and take action on Proposed Amendment to Procedural Rules

10. Reports of Officers, Commissioners and Staff