

ORDINANCE NO. 888

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT DRC2015-00040, AMENDING THE RANCHO CUCAMONGA INDUSTRIAL AREA SPECIFIC PLAN (IASP) SUBAREA 18 SPECIFIC PLAN, A SPECIFIC PLAN THAT APPLIES TO PROPERTIES LOCATED NORTH OF 4TH STREET, SOUTH OF THE BNSF/METROLINK RAIL LINE, WEST OF MILLIKEN AVENUE, AND EAST OF UTICNCLEVELAND AVENUES, TO DELETE TEXT, GRAPHICS, AND EXHIBITS RELATING TO THE EMPIRE LAKES GOLF COURSE, AN EXISTING PRIVATE GOLF COURSE OF 160 ACRES THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE SUBJECT SPECIFIC PLAN AREA, AND INSERT TEXT, GRAPHICS, AND EXHIBITS THAT WILL DESCRIBE THE DESIGN AND TECHNICAL STANDARDS/GUIDELINES FOR A PROPOSED MIXED USE, HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAUCOMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT THAT IS PROPOSED TO REPLACE THE GOLF COURSE; AND MAKING FINDINGS IN SUPPORT THEREOF – APNS: 0209- 272-11, -15, -17, 20, -22 THROUGH -28, 021-082-41, -49 THROUGH -52, 0210-082-61, -64, -65, -67 THROUGH -69, -71 THROUGH -74-78, -79, -84, -88 THROUGH -90, 0210-581-01 THROUGH -06, -0210-591-02 THROUGH -14, AND 0210-623-66.

A. Recitals

1. On April 27, 2016, the Planning Commission of the City of Rancho Cucamonga conducted a duly noticed public hearing with respect to the above referenced Specific Plan Amendment and, following the conclusion thereof, adopted its Resolution No. 16-19, recommending that the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga adopt said Specific Plan Amendment.

2. On May 18, 2016, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga conducted a duly noticed public hearing on the Specific Plan Amendment and concluded the hearing on that date.

3. All legal prerequisites prior to the adoption of this Ordinance have occurred.

B. Ordinance

The City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1: This City Council hereby specifically finds that all of the facts set forth in the Recitals, Part A, of this Ordinance are true and correct.

SECTION 2: Based upon substantial evidence presented to the City Council during the above-referenced public hearing on May 18, 2016, including written and oral staff reports, together with public testimony, the City Council hereby specifically finds as follows:

a. The application applies to a property that is currently improved with the Empire Lakes Golf Course, a privately owned and operated 18-hole golf course with an area of 160 acres; and

b. Development of the subject property is governed by the Rancho Cucamonga Industrial Area Specific Plan (IASP) Subarea 18 Specific Plan, the City's Development Code, and the City's General Plan.

c. The Specific Plan, as it was originally approved in 1994, consists of eleven (11) "Planning Areas" which are identified with Roman numerals, i.e. Planning Area IA/18 through X. The golf course is within "Planning Area IA", "Planning Area IB", and (partly) "Planning Area III" of the Specific Plan.

d. The overall area of the Specific Plan is 347 acres. The Specific Plan is bound by 4th Street to the south, Milliken Avenue to the east, Cleveland Avenue and Utica Avenue to the west, and 8th Street and the BNSF/Metrolink rail line to the north. The golf course is generally located at the center, and covers about 46%, of the Specific Plan. Both the Specific Plan and the golf course are bisected into north and south halves by 5th Street.

e. To the east of the golf course are multi-family residences within four (4) apartment complexes ("Village at the Green", "Reserve at Empire Lakes", "Ironwood at Empire Lakes", and "AMLI at Empire Lakes"). Adjacent to the northeast corner of the golf course are office buildings and the Rancho Cucamonga Metrolink station. To the west of the part of the golf course located south of 5th Street is an office complex comprised of multiple tenants including Southern California Edison (SCE) and Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP). To the west of the part of the golf course located north of 5th Street are logistics/manufacturing buildings. To the north of the golf course, beyond the BNSF/Metrolink rail line, are additional logistics/manufacturing buildings. To the south, on the opposite side of 4th Street, is vacant land within the City of Ontario.

f. The zoning designations surrounding the Empire Lakes Specific Plan are as follows: north - Minimum Impact/Heavy Industrial (MI/HI) District; south - Ontario Center Specific Plan (2254-SP) (in the City of Ontario); east - General Industrial (GI) District and Industrial Park (IP) District, and Industrial Park (IP) District, (Industrial Commercial Overlay District (ICOD)); and west - General Industrial (GI) District and Industrial Park (IP) District.

g. Concurrent with this application, the applicant has also applied for General Plan Amendment DRC2015-00114 and Development Code Amendment DRC2015-00115. The purpose of these applications is to enable the applicant to 'redevelop' the golf course with a mixed use project, transit-oriented, high density development.

h. Specific Plan Amendment DRC2015-00040 will amend the Empire Lakes Specific Plan. This amendment will re-designate "Planning Area IA", "Planning Area IB", and part of "Planning Area III" of the existing Specific Plan as "Planning Area 1 (PA 1)". The amendment will also revise and/or delete existing text, graphics, and exhibits that are associated with, or refer to, the above-noted Planning Areas and the existing golf course. In addition, new design and technical standards/guidelines will be created and incorporated, as a new section (chapter) that will be used to govern development within Planning Area 1 (PA1). This new section will be identified as Section 7 in the proposed amended Specific Plan, and follow the existing six (6) sections (chapters) of the existing Specific Plan as shown in Exhibits F and G of the Planning Commission Staff report dated April 13, 2016.

i. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Environmental Impact Report was prepared and circulated with the Initial Study on April 27, 2015 to the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2015041083), and to public agencies that have discretionary approval power over the project, i.e. "Responsible Agencies" and Native American Governments. Also, the NOP was made available for review at the Archibald and Paul A. Biane Libraries, at City Hall, and on the City's website. Per State law, the comment period ended 30 days after the date of circulation (in this case, May 26, 2015). However, as the Public Scoping meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2015, comments, if any, in response to the NOP were accepted until that date. The Initial Study was made available to the public during and after the comment period. The City received several comment letters in response to the NOP.

j. The City conducted a noticed Public Scoping meeting during a Planning Commission meeting on June 10, 2015. The notice for this scoping meeting appeared in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin newspaper and notices were mailed to the owners of all properties located within 1,000 feet of the Empire Lakes Specific Plan planning area.

k. A Draft EIR was prepared and was distributed to all Responsible and Trustee agencies, and individuals who had expressed interest in the project and/or had previously requested copies. The Draft EIR was distributed for a 45-day public review period on November 10, 2015, with the comment period expiring on December 24, 2015. During the 45-day public review period, the Draft EIR and technical appendices were made available for review at the Archibald Library, the Paul A. Biane Library, the Planning Information and Services Counter at City Hall, and on the City's website. Comment letters were received from the City of Ontario, San Bernardino County Department of Public Works, Metrolink, and several members of the public during the public comment period that specifically discussed the Draft EIR. Written responses to all significant environmental issues raised were prepared and made available in the Final EIR.

l. A "Findings of Fact in Support of Determinations related to Significant Environmental Impacts" has been prepared and are attached (as Attachment "A") to City Council Resolution No. 16-057 which certifies the Environmental Impact Report and adopts the Facts of Findings Supporting the Overriding Considerations and the Mitigation Monitoring Program.

m. Environmental impacts identified in the Final EIR that will be "less than significant" without mitigation measure or project design features are described in Section A, page 7 of Attachment "A".

n. Environmental impacts identified in the Final EIR that will be "less than significant" after mitigation measures have been implemented are described in Section 8, also found in the City Council Resolution No 16-057 which certifies the Environmental Impact Report and adopts the Facts of Findings Supporting the Overriding Considerations and the Mitigation Monitoring Program, on page 15 of Attachment "A". In accordance with CEQA requirements, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been prepared to assure compliance with the adopted mitigation measures.

o. Environmental impacts identified in the Final EIR that will be "significant and unavoidable" despite the implementation of all feasible mitigation measures are described in Section C, page 25 of Attachment "A".

p. A proposed Statement of Overriding Considerations for the environmental impacts that cannot be fully mitigated to a "less than significant level" is located in Section V, page 40 of Attachment "A". The proposed Statement provides substantial evidence that the environmental risks of the application have been balanced against its benefits.

q. Approval of the application would not be materially injurious or detrimental to the adjacent properties.

r. The findings set forth in this Resolution reflect the independent judgment of the City Council.

SECTION 3: The aforementioned Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 20150410083), The Facts and Findings Supporting the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring Program is scheduled to be certified by adoption of City Council Resolution 16-057.

SECTION 4: Based upon the foregoing and totality of the administrative record before it, the City Council hereby approves Specific Plan Amendment DRC2015-00040.

SECTION 5: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Ordinance is, for any reason, deemed or held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, or preempted by legislative enactment, such decision or legislation shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or words thereof, regardless of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, clauses, phrases, or words might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional or preempted by subsequent legislation.

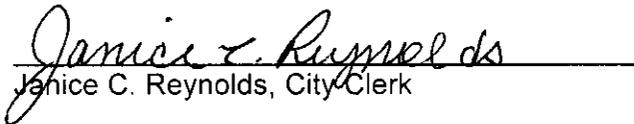
SECTION 6: The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published within 15 days after its passage at least once in the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Ontario, California, and circulated in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 1st day of June 2016.

AYES: Kennedy, Michael, Spagnolo, Williams
NOES: Alexander
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

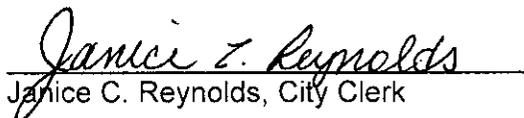

L. Dennis Michael, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice C. Reynolds, City Clerk

I, JANICE C. REYNOLDS, CITY CLERK of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga held on the 18th day of May 2016, and was passed at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga held on the 1st day of June 2016.

Executed this 2nd day of June 2016, at Rancho Cucamonga, California.


Janice C. Reynolds, City Clerk