



City of Huntington Beach

File #: 20-1848

MEETING DATE: 10/19/2020

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

SUBMITTED TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

SUBMITTED BY: Oliver Chi, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Ursula Luna-Reynosa, Director of Community Development

Subject:

Approve Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) No. 20-001 by adopting City Council Resolution No. 2020-59; and, requesting its certification by the California Coastal Commission

Statement of Issue:

Transmitted for your consideration is a resolution adopting Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) No. 20-001 to forward three zoning text amendments that were previously approved by the City Council to the California Coastal Commission. LCPA No. 20-001 constitutes a minor amendment to the City of Huntington Beach Certified Local Coastal Program. Public hearings were previously held for each of the amendments, thus, approval of the resolution is an administrative item that does not require a public hearing. Staff recommends approval of LCPA No. 20-001.

Financial Impact:

Not applicable.

Recommended Action:

Approve Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001 by adopting City Council Resolution No. 2020-59, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, State of California, Adopting Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001 and Requesting its Certification by the California Coastal Commission (Attachment No. 1)."

Alternative Action(s):

The City Council may make the following alternative motion(s) on Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001:

1. Deny Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001 and direct staff to return with findings for denial.
2. Continue Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001 and direct staff accordingly.

Analysis:

A. PROJECT PROPOSAL:

Applicant: City of Huntington Beach, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Location: Coastal Zone

Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001 represents a request to approve a resolution to forward to the California Coastal Commission three zoning text amendments approved by the City Council over the last two years. The specific amendments are listed below and generally described in Attachment No. 5.

1. ZTA No. 18-003: Minor Code Update & Clarifications
 - a. Ordinances No. 4172 - No. 4176
 - b. Approved by City Council on February 4, 2019
2. ZTA No. 19-002: Minor Code Update & Clarifications
 - a. Ordinances No. 4193 - No. 4199
 - b. Approved by City Council on February 3, 2020
3. ZTA No. 19-005: Group Homes
 - a. Ordinances No. 4212 - No. 4216
 - b. Approved by City Council on July 20, 2020

B. BACKGROUND:

The City's certified Local Coastal Program consists of two parts: the Land Use Plan/ Coastal Element of the General Plan and the Implementing Ordinances. The Implementing Ordinances include the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance and specific plans within the coastal zone that have been certified by the California Coastal Commission (Downtown Specific Plan, Holly Seacliff Specific Plan, Seacliff Specific Plan, Palm and Goldenwest Specific Plan, Magnolia Pacific Specific Plan, and Huntington Harbour Bay Club Specific Plan). Any changes to the Implementing Ordinances must be forwarded to the Coastal Commission as a Local Coastal Program Amendment (LCPA) for certification and incorporation into the City's Local Coastal Program. Certification by the Coastal Commission is necessary in order for the ordinances to be effective in the coastal zone.

C. STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION:

This LCPA represents a minor amendment to the City's certified Local Coastal Program. All of the amendments have been approved by the City Council with public hearings and no coastal related issues were brought forward. Staff has grouped these amendments as one LCPA to minimize staff and administrative time because they are minor from the Coastal Commission's perspective. Staff recommends that the City Council approve Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001 because it will update the City's certified Local Coastal Program by incorporating previously approved entitlements and will constitute a minor amendment to the City's certified Local Coastal Program.

Environmental Status:

All of the subject Zoning Text Amendments were analyzed per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) at the time they were adopted by the City Council. The subject resolution to adopt Local

Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001 and forward to the Coastal Commission for certification does not require additional environmental review and is exempt pursuant to Section 15265(a)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts approvals by a local government necessary for the preparation and adoption of a local coastal program.

Strategic Plan Goal:

Non-Applicable - Administrative Item

Attachment(s):

1. Resolution No. 2020-59 A Resolution Adopting Local Coastal Program Amendment No. 20-001 and Requesting its Certification by the California Coastal Commission
2. Exhibit A ZTA No. 18-003 Minor Code Update and Clarification Ordinances No. 4172 - No. 4176
3. Exhibit B ZTA No. 19-002 Minor Code Update and Clarification Ordinances No. 4193 - No. 4199
4. Exhibit C ZTA No. 19-005 Group Homes Ordinance No. 4212 - No. 4216
5. Summary of Subject Entitlements