



PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2020
7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

City Clerk Reese called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE:

City Clerk Reese led the Planning Commission, Staff and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. ROLL CALL:

Planning Commission
Commissioner Frederick Cruger – Absent
Commissioner Ron Stephenson– Present
Commissioner Scott Morrison – Present
Commissioner Julie Cory-Wyman – Present
Commissioner Monica Hoersting – Absent

City Staff
Darla Reese, City Clerk

Consultants
Ryan C. Larsen, Consultant Planner

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of November 12, 2019 Minutes

Commissioner Cory-Wyman moved to approve the Minutes of November 12, 2019. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS/RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – NON ACTION ITEMS

No one was signed up or present to speak during this portion of the meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing – 7:05 PM

For consideration to amend and adopt development regulations with interim Ordinance 973-2019. Interim zoning ordinance is to enact for the term of this ordinance an update to the Conditional Uses for both the Central Business District and General Commercial zones and secondary uses in the General Commercial zone, which addresses multifamily dwellings on the same parcel as commercial use within the City.

Commissioner Morrison moved to open the Public Hearing in regards to Ordinance 973-2019. Commissioner Cory-Wyman seconded. Motion carried.

City Clerk Reese submitted the following exhibits into the record:

Exhibit 1 – Consultant Report from Ryan C. Larsen, 2 pages

Exhibit 2 – Ordinance 973-2019, 5 pages

Exhibit 3 – Public Notice – Interim Ordinance 973-2019, GMA/SEPA-DNS/PUBLIC HEARING, 2 pages

Exhibit 4 – Verification of Public Posting for consideration of Interim Ordinance 973-2019, 1 page

Exhibit 5 – Affidavit of Publication from the Everett Daily Herald, dated December 9, 2019, 2 pages

Exhibit 6 – SEPA Environmental Checklist, 13 pages

Consultant Planner Larsen explained the Interim Ordinance 973-2019 which is related to multi-family zoned properties on commercially zoned land. He then reviewed the timeline the Ordinance was enacted by the City Council and discussed the process it has been taken through in detail and what the next steps may be dependent upon what the Council decides to do. He further explained the purpose of the Ordinance and showed the purposed language changes in this Ordinance would adopt.

Commission discussion included: sewer moratorium.

Commissioner Cory-Wyman moved to open the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

No one was signed-up or present to speak on the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Morrison moved to close the public testimony portion of the Public Hearing. Commissioner Cory-Wyman seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Morrison moved to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 971-2019. Commissioner Cory-Wyman seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cory-Wyman moved to recommend the City Council approve an ordinance consistent with Ordinance 973-2019 relating to multifamily dwelling units within the Central Business District and General Commercial zones. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Cory-Wyman moved that the City Council revisit Multi-Family Dwellings once the moratorium for the Wastewater Treatment Facility has been lifted. Commissioner Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

B. Handout and Discussion of the 2020 Docket

Consultant Planner Larsen handed out a table showing the City of Granite Falls Work Plan 2020 for the Docket. He reviewed the timeline with the Planning Commission so they could see what would be expected of them and what is coming forth in the next few months. The meetings will more than likely be longer than the normal due to the work product review and questions involved.

C. Video Discussion

Consultant Planner Larsen will work with Jeff to get the videos operational. The multiple-series planning videos run different times in length (generally 5-11 minutes), there would only be one video per meeting and it would be shown at the end.

D. Planning – 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update

Consultant Planner Larsen worked on putting together a joint City Council and Planning Commission Workshop for the City of Lake Stevens. The event was organized by Dave Toyer who along with Clay White (former Snohomish County Planning Director) and Barb Mock (current Snohomish County Planning Director) all spoke regarding the upcoming 2023 Comprehensive Plan Update. This update is set to be a “battle” in Snohomish County with the population allocations imposed on all of the jurisdictions by the State of Washington and the Puget Sound Regional Council. This Council may result in Urban Growth Area (UGA) changes, and acceptance or non-acceptance of the numbers by each jurisdiction.

Planning Commission discussion ensued on the subject.

Consultant Planner Larsen asked the Commission Members if they would be interested in attending a similar event if it was here with the City Council and dinner was provided. They all agreed and seemed very interested.

7. CURRENT BUSINESS:

There were no Current Business items for the Agenda.

8. REPORTS:

A. City Clerk Reports

There was no discussion on the City Clerk Reports.

B. Homework

Consultant Planner Larsen indicated as soon as he is done with his first draft of the code, he will be sending out to the Commission to start reviewing.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no Correspondence items to discuss.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Stephenson adjourned the meeting.