

PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Remote Participation

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm by Chair Jennifer Davis

MEMBERS PRESENT: Janice Huxford, Vicki Oslund, Jennifer Davis, Linda Hoult, John Cronin, Todd Welch and Mike Duerr

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Community Development Director Russ Wright, Senior Planner Dave Levitan, Associate Planner Sabrina Gassaway and Clerk Jennie Fenrich

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmembers Gary Petershagen and Steve Ewing

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: All present

Guest business: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Commissioner Welch, seconded by Commissioner Hoult, to approve the minutes for July 15, 2020 meeting. (7-0-0-0).

Discussion Items:

Associate Planner Gassaway briefed the Commission on the State Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE) incentive program that the city is eligible for. The MFTE program is an incentive that cities can offer to developers to encourage the construction of market rate housing and affordable multifamily housing in predesignated targeted areas. This program would allow builders to apply for a tax exemption from property taxes related to residential units created through multifamily developments. After a discussion with Planning Commission and City Council, both the 8-year and 12-year options are to be included in a new code amendment.

Senior Planner Dave Levitan gave an update of the Waterfront residential task force. There were two meetings held and after thorough discussion the task force made the recommendation to leave Waterfront Residential Zoning as it currently stands. Multiple task force members were in attendance and gave their comments to the commission. The task force has completed their task and has now been disbanded.

Senior Planner Levitan gave a 2020 Comprehensive Plan update. Public service updates, in conjunction with Lake Stevens School District, Public Works staff and capital facilities updates are forth coming this year. Land Use amendments and Parks chapter will be updated. The Commission has no objection to moving this forward to Public Hearing.

Commissioner Reports:

Commissioner Hoult thanked Commissioner Huxford for serving on the task force. Commissioner Welch thanked the Waterfront Task for their work on the waterfront zoning. Commissioner Huxford reported Chief Dyer reached out to her regarding the annexation meeting and encourages people to attend the meeting in October. Chair Davis thanked Councilman Petershagen for attending this meeting and giving his thoughts.

Director's Report:

Director Wright reported there will be Parks Meeting tomorrow, 9/17/2020 @ 6:30.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Hoult, seconded by Commissioner Welch to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion carried (7-0-0-0).



Jennie Fenrich, Planning Commission Clerk