

	Planning Commission Meeting September 7, 2022 - 7:00 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES
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I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The City of Auburn Planning Commission Meeting was held in person and virtually.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Judi Roland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

A. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Commissioners present: Chair Judi Roland, Vice Chair Phillip Stephens, Hanan Amer, Julie Berry, Joan Mason, Dimitri Moutzouris, and Kent Sprague.

Staff members present: Planning Services Manager Jeff Dixon, Senior City Staff Attorney Doug Ruth, Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Roland led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 19, 2022 Draft Minutes from the Special Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Sprague moved and Commissioner Stephens seconded to approve the July 19, 2022 minutes.

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V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Introductory discussion of 2022 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Staff will introduce the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Planning Services Manager Dixon presented the 2022

Comprehensive Plan Annual Amendments to the Commission, including both City-initiated and private-initiated amendments. He reviewed the City-initiated Comprehensive Plan text amendments, including updates for the Auburn, Dieringer, Federal Way, and Kent School Districts; the Capital Facilities Plan Update; the Land Use Element; map amendments; and the next steps in the process.

The Commission discussed proposed projects, the difference between "Quasi-Public" and "Public" land use designations, future construction plans, the school district's input on the Comprehensive Plan, the role of other Departments in the Capital Facilities Plan, and where the Commissioners can direct questions about the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Auburn Downtown Plan & Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Public Outreach Efforts

Planning Services Manager Dixon reviewed the Auburn Downtown Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) public outreach efforts, including focus groups and outreach at the Auburn Farmers Market and National Night Out event.

The Commission discussed the potential to open brick and mortar storefronts, events for the Planning Commission to attend, increasing the downtown population to support more businesses, allocation of federal transportation funds, and the Community Response Team's efforts to improve the downtown area.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Update on Community Development Services activities.

Planning Services Manager Dixon discussed the Bridges Annexation and its next steps, the possible future annexation of a portion of the City of Pacific currently located near the City of Auburn's southeast border, and the upcoming completion of Chinook and Lea Hill Elementary Schools. The date for the next Planning Commission Meeting is October 4, 2022.

The Commission discussed the Bridges jurisdiction for school and fire services, updates on current industrial construction and expansion, land use expansion for wetlands, the Auburn Avenue Theater, the Auburn Good Old Days event, and an interest in an update from the Code Enforcement division.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED this 18th day of October, 2022.


JUDI ROLAND, CHAIR
Rebecca Wood, Deputy City Clerk

The City of Auburn Planning Commission is a seven member advisory body that provides recommendations to the Auburn City Council on the preparation of and amendments to land use plans and related codes such as zoning. Planning Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Actions taken by the Planning Commission, other than approvals or amendments to the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, are not final decisions; they are in the form of recommendations to the city council which must ultimately make the final decision.