



PLANNING COMMISSION

April 21, 2015

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Judi Roland called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Council Chambers located on the first floor of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street, Auburn, WA.

II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Planning Commission Members present were. Chair Judi Roland, Vice-Chair Copple, Commissioner Mason, Commissioner Baggett, Commissioner Lee, and Commissioner Smith.

Staff present included: City Attorney Dan Heid, Assistant Director of Community Development Jeff Tate, Assistant Director of Engineering/City Engineer Ingrid Gaub, Utilities Engineering Manager Lisa Tobin, Planning Services Manager Jeff Dixon, Sewer Utility Engineer Bob Elwell, and Community Development Secretary Tina Kriss.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 14, 2015

Commissioner Baggett moved and Commissioner Smith seconded to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2015 meeting as written.

Motion Carried Unanimously 6-0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments on any item not listed on the agenda for discussion or public hearing.

V. PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORT

Assistant Director Tate reported that the first reading Ordinance No 6560, regarding Communal Residences, went before City Council on April 20, 2015, Council was supportive of the ordinance, and appreciative of the work by the Planning Commission. A second reading of Ordinance No 6560 will go before Council on May 4, 2015

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 2015 Comprehensive Sewer Plan

Chair Roland opened the public hearing on the 2015 Comprehensive Sewer Plan at 6:08 p.m.

Assistant Director Tate provided background information on the overall Comprehensive Plan update and its relevance to the comprehensive sewer plan update. He pointed out that chapter 3 of the 2015 Comprehensive Sewer Plan emphasizes policy which sets the stage for implementing the City's strategies and planning for Capital Projects. Sewer Utility Engineer, Bob Elwell, presented the staff report on the 2015 Comprehensive Sewer Plan

The Commission and staff discussed the potential for the city to have their own sewer treatment plant and the high cost for its operation. A discussion was also held regarding the rate increases extended throughout several years. In answer to a question, who provides sewer service for the west hill developments, staff explained that the Lakehaven Sewer District provides service for those residents through an interlocal agreement with the City

Chair Roland invited anyone for or against the proposed code amendments regarding the 2015 Comprehensive Sewer Plan to come forward for testimony

With no public present for public comment on the 2015 Comprehensive Sewer Plan, Chair Roland closed the Public Hearing at 6:22 p.m. The Commission deliberated

Commissioner Copple moved and Commissioner Baggett seconded to recommend moving the 2015 Comprehensive Sewer Plan forward to city Council for approval.

Motion approved 6-0

Chair Roland recessed the meeting for a 20 minute break at 6:25 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 6 49 p.m.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Plan Update

Assistant Director Tate reviewed Chapter's 1, 2, and 3 to the overall plan update. Staff explained that Chapters 1-3 are an introduction to the plan and details on policy begins in Chapter 4. Assistant Director Tate pointed out that the Commission will have further discussion on these chapters at a later date and that a public hearing will be held on all chapters prior to the overall approval of the plan.

Staff explained that these chapters, and future chapters brought forward by Planning staff will set policy for future land use regulations, the Comprehensive water, sewer, storm, and transportation plans are just pieces of the overall plan which is being updated. The Comprehensive Plan sets the overarching general goals and aspirations established by policy. The plan provides common objectives and policy regulations to achieve those objectives.

Staff stated that the draft of Chapters 1,2, and 3 consist mainly of narrative and they would provide additional graphics and visual material to assist folks in understanding how the plan fits together as a whole document.

While reviewing Chapter 1, the Commission explained that they would like additional historical information regarding the Japanese population and Muckelshoot Indian

Tribe added. The Commission and staff discussed including more information about the development and expansion of the school districts and railroad.

It was pointed out that Scarf Motors did relocated to 501 Auburn Way N in 1948 but that "Little Detroit of the West" did not come along as a phrase associated with Auburn until around 1960. The City also had a very popular radio station the Commission would like more detail on, KASY, as well as the local newspaper, "Auburn Globe-Republican". In around 1965 the FAA air traffic control center began operation in Auburn; more information could be added on this also.

The Commission discussed adding information about the Mullendore Theaters/ Valley 6 Drive-in along with the Auburn Days/Auburn Good Ol' Days.

A discussion was held on Chapter 2. The Commission asked if staff could expand on the last sentence in the paragraph under Racial Characteristics regarding racial identifiers, to include Asian and Pacific Islanders. The Commission and staff also discussed reviewing the wording regarding languages Auburn residents speak, to make sure the diversity of languages is clarified.

After reviewing Chapter 3, the Commission and staff discussed the term "Places" within the value statement and determined they would revisit this section and term at a later time. On page 4 of Chapter 3, under CITY OF AUBURN VALUES, GOAL 1 and 2, the first sentence is duplicated and needs to be updated.

The Commission recommended expanding the vocabulary within the City of Auburn Values and staff agreed that there will be further discussion on the wording within the values.

The Commission and staff determined that the next meeting would be held on May 5, 2015. The Public Hearing on the 2015 Comprehensive Storm Plan will be held May 19, 2015.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, Chair Roland adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.