

**PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 28, 2014**

ROLL CALL: Present: Keith Fakkema, Sandi Peterson, David Fikse and Ana Schlecht
Absent: Greg Wasinger, Kristi Jensen and Bruce Freeman
Staff Present: Development Services Director, Steve Powers; Senior Planners, Cac Kamak and Ethan Spoo

Chairman Fakkema called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None present for comment.

MINUTES: MS. SCHLECHT MOVED, MS. PETERSON SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 10, 2013 MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

MARIJUANA RELATED USES – CODE AMENDMENT PROJECT – Public Hearing

Mr. Powers reported on the latest developments at the State level and reviewed the revisions to the draft code that resulted from the questions raise by the Planning Commission at their last meeting regarding odor and whether the Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction recognized private schools.

Mr. Powers reported that the City Council was briefed on the status of the project and in response to the recent events at the State level staff outlined three courses of action:

1. Continue with the current work program.
2. Stop working on the recreational rules and continue both moratoria.
3. Provide staff different policy direction for recreational marijuana in light of the Attorney General's opinion and continue the moratorium on medical marijuana.

City Council leaned toward staying the course.

Mr. Powers recommended that the Planning Commission conclude the public hearing and recommend approval of Ordinance No. 1685.

Mr. Fakkema opened the public hearing seeing no public comment the hearing was closed.

The Planning Commission discussed whether or not the City should proceed with its adoption given the Attorney General's opinion. They also discussed the impact the pending legislation to limit a city's authority to ban marijuana related uses. The Commission believed the draft code appropriately addressed the issues but expressed concern that something might need to change based on future actions at the State level. The Commission felt it was important for them to complete their work on time but noted the Council may wish to extend the moratorium and take additional time to study this issue.

Mr. Fakkema noted that the definition for "arcade" needs to be used uniformly throughout the ordinance.

ACTION: MS. SCHLECHT MOVED, MR. FIKSE SECONDED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE ORDINANCE No. 1685 WITH THE CORRECTION TO USE THE DEFINITION OF GAME ARCADE UNIFORMLY THROUGHOUT THE ORDINANCE, MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: MS. SCHLECHT MOVED, MS. PETERSON SECONDED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE CITY COUNCIL EXTEND THE MORATORIUM FOR ANOTHER SIX MONTHS TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS AT THE STATE LEVEL.

2014 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT DOCKET – Public Hearing

Mr. Kamak described the process for formulating the docket. Mr. Kamak noted that one additional item was added to the docket. The 2014 docket now includes the 2016 Comprehensive Plan updates, Capital Improvement Plan updates, Future Land Use Map UGA corrections, 1000 SE City Beach Street zoning change and continued work on the scenic view study.

Mr. Fakkema opened the public hearing seeing no public comment the hearing was closed.

ACTION: MS. PETERSON MOVED, MS. SCHLECHT SECONDED A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE 2014 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DOCKET AS PRESENTED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN – Public Meeting

Mr. Kamak explained that Revised Code of Washington requires local governments to establish and broadly communicate to the public a Public Participation Plan (PPP) which identifies procedures for providing “early and continuous public participation” in the amendment of the Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.

Mr. Kamak reviewed the various methods the City is using to invite public participation and requested that the Planning Commission provide input on how the PPP could be improved.

Mr. Kamak reported that the PPP is tentatively scheduled for the February Planning Commission meeting for a recommendation to the City Council.

Mr. Fakkema asked how often the Comprehensive Plan is reviewed. Mr. Kamak said it use to be every seven years but due to the economic downturn the State had change the requirement to every eight years.

ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL – Public Meeting

Mr. Powers presented the draft report to the City Council and asked the Commission to think about general recommendations they would like to include in the report. Ms. Schlecht volunteered to prepare general recommendations and provide them to staff before the February 25, 2014 meeting.

ADJOURN: 8:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Katherine Gifford