

MINUTES

PLANNING COMMISSION

Held Virtually
Port Angeles, Washington 98362
April 13, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
REGULAR MEETING

Chair Stanley opened the regular meeting at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Ben Stanley (Chair), Steve Luxton, Richie Ahuja, Marolee Smith, and Tammy Dziadek.

City Staff Present: Emma Bolin (*Interim Director of CED*)
Nathan Docherty (*Assistant Planner*)
Chris Cowgill (*Assistant City Attorney*)

Public Present:
Brian M.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian M. spoke on the climate resiliency plan presented by Cascadia in the previous Special Meeting. Brian urges the city not to adopt the language as “Managed Retreat,” as this language can lead to eminent domain issues.

Chair Stanley closed public comment at 6:08 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 9 and March 16, 2022.

ACTION ITEM

1. Training on the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Records, Ethics, and the Roles and Responsibilities of Commissioners.

STAFF UPDATES

Interim Director Bolin discussed there will be sign and façade grants for review in the near future. In May there will be a focus on the Climate Change Resiliency Plan and once the dates are determined they will be added to the agenda. On May 17th there will be a one-hour work session before the City Council meeting on the climate plan. Cascadia is preparing a report to present on our greenhouse gas emissions, strategies, actions, and multi-criteria analysis. Staff is working on preparing bylaws recommendations for the commission at the next meeting on April 27th. On April

22nd the City is hoping to have a booth at the Pier to promote the Climate Resiliency Plan and there will also be stormwater engineers to talk about stormwater issues in the city. A short-term rental work session on short-term rentals will be held at City Council on Tuesday, April 26, there will be no option for public comment at this meeting. Discussed the possibility of commissioners receiving text message notification reminders about upcoming meetings.

Assistant City Attorney Chris Cowgill gave a presentation on Washington's Open Public Records Act, Open Public Meetings Act, and on Ethics and Conflicts of Interests.

REPORTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Luxton Discussed the meeting with Thomas Hunter the Director of Public Works on the possibilities of reforming the City's sewer and water development fees. Commissioner Luxton reached out to the Department of Health in the region to discuss potential regulations of having one water meter per house. The correspondence has determined the Department of Health would see no issues with having one water meter per house in an ADU. Commissioner Luxton is drafting a letter pertaining to sewer water and development fees to present to the City Council.

Commissioner Ahuja encouraged commissioners to read the updated report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) as we prepare for our Climate Resiliency Plan.

Commissioner Smith spoke on ADUs regarding sewer lateral connections. Discussed our tree canopy declining in the last 20 years and the importance of having a City Tree Ordinance drafted. Commissioner Smith discussed the importance of having regulations drafted to present to the Council pertaining to poultry and poultry farming.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Nathan Docherty, Secretary

Ben Stanley, Chair