



REGULAR SESSION AUGUST 25, 2020 MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Robert Larsen, Planning Commission Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Of the ten (10) currently appointed commissioners nine (9) were in attendance (a quorum being six (6) members and a majority being six (6) members):

Merle Ash	James Kamp @5:48	Neil Pederson
Mark James	Keri Moore	Raymond Sheldon
Robert Larsen	Tom Norcott	Loren Simmonds

Leah Everett was absent for this meeting.

Ikuno Masterson, Planning and Development Services (PDS), Long Range Planning Manager, served as Planning Commission Secretary for this meeting.

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B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the [July 28, 2020](#) regular meetings were approved unanimously.

C. STATUS OF PAST RECOMMENDATIONS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ikuno Masterson updated the report of the activities by the County Council from that in the packets during the last month. She also reviewed anticipated topics for upcoming Planning Commission meetings.

- [Report on Recent Snohomish County Planning Commission Activities](#)
- [Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics](#)

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Special Flood Hazard Areas: Hearing

Mitchell Brouse, PDS Senior Planner, 425-388-5127, Mitchell.Brouse@snoco.org

On May 27, 2020, the County Council approved Ordinance 20-029, adopting changes to SCC 30.43C, 30.65, and 30.91, which were necessary to ensure compliance with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) standards, as interim official controls. The official controls are set to expire on December 13, 2020. Due to COVID-19, the interim controls were necessary as an emergency ordinance, since the Planning Commission was not able to conduct a public hearing and provide recommendations after your briefing in February. At the July 28th Commission meeting,

PDS staff provided a supplemental briefing proposing permanent code amendments concerning regulations in special flood hazard areas. The proposed amendments include all changes included in the interim official controls, which are required for Snohomish County's continued participation in the NFIP. In addition other discretionary code amendments, including proposed updates to the permitted uses in the density fringe were presented. See Attachment A for a table of the proposed changes.

After a summary of the proposed amendments was provided by Mitchell Brouse, Chair Larsen opened the public hearing.

The proposed code amendments regulating special flood hazard areas **Public Hearing opened at 5:45 pm.**

Prior to the meeting we received no letters from the public and one person from the public spoke in favor of the proposed changes.

Public Hearing was closed at 5:47 pm.

Commissioner Larsen asked for comments from the Commissioners and a brief discussion followed. The Chair then asked for a motion to be made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Norcott and seconded by Commissioner James recommending **approval** of the proposed Special Flood Hazard Areas regulations as contained in the July 10, 2020 Planning and Development Services (PDS) staff report.

VOTE (Motion):

9 in favor (*Ash, James, Kamp, Larsen, Moore, Norcott, Pederson, Sheldon and Simmonds*)

0 opposed

0 abstention

Motion PASSED

For further information, please review:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated July 10, 2020](#)
- [Presentation dated July 28th, 2020](#)

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Accessory Agricultural Uses Code Amendments: Briefing

Steve Skorney, PDS Senior Planner, 425-262-2207, Steve.Skorney@snoco.org

Steve Skorney briefed the Planning Commission on a Phase 1 batch of amendments to Title 30 of Snohomish County Code regarding Accessory Agricultural Uses and consisting of changes to the requirements for wedding facilities and farm worker dwellings.

After several questions and comments from the Commissioners to Mr. Skorney it was recommended to move these amendments to hearing on September 22, 2020.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated August 10, 2020](#)

2. Chapter 30.66B Road Impact Fees: Briefing

Darren Robb, DPW Transportation Specialist, 425-388-6297, Darren.Robb@snoco.org

Erik Olson, DPW Transportation Specialist, 425-262-2458, Erik.Olson@snoco.org

Darren Robb provided a presentation on a proposed ordinance to amend language concerning the

collection, expenditure, and the amount of the road system impact mitigation fees (impact fees) in Chapter 30.66B SCC, the County's Concurrency and Road Impact Mitigation chapter. The amendments are proposed to ensure the road system impact fees adopted in SCC 30.66B.330 reliably and fairly reflect the proportionate share of cost of the transportation improvements identified in the current Transportation Element of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

After several questions and comments from the Commissioners to Mr. Robb and Mr. Olson it was recommended to move these amendments to hearing on September 22, 2020.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated August 7, 2020](#)
- [Transportation Impact Fee Handout](#)
- [Presentation](#)

3. Annual Capital Improvement Program: Briefing

Eileen Canola, PDS Senior Planner, 425-262-2253, Eileen.Canola@snoco.org

Eileen Canola, Debbie Mock and staff from several other County Departments provided a presentation on the annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that the County Charter requires to be adopted with the County budget each year. This briefing described how minimum levels of service are being met by necessary public services and facilities and whether any probable shortfalls or regulatory inadequacies are foreseen that would hinder development.

After several questions and comments from the Commissioners to County staff it was recommended to move these amendments to hearing on September 22, 2020.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated August 10, 2020](#)
- [Presentation](#)

4. School Capital Facilities Plans: Briefing

Eileen Canola, PDS Senior Planner, 425-262-2253, Eileen.Canola@snoco.org

Eileen Canola provided a presentation on the coordinated technical review of each school capital facilities plans (CFP) for inclusion in the County's school impact fee program. The briefing highlighted key information from each district's CFP including projected enrollments, capacity issues, and plans for capital improvements with funding proposals including proposed changes to the school impact fee schedule in Chapter 30.66C of the Snohomish County Code.

After several questions and comments from the Commissioners to County Staff it was recommended to move these amendments to hearing on September 22, 2020.

For further information, please review the following:

- [Briefing Staff Report dated August 10, 2020](#)
- [Presentation](#)

F. **ADJOURN**

This regular meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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