CITY OF ELLENSBURG — **Minutes of Planning Commission, Regular Meeting**

Date of Meeting — **March 14, 2024**

Time of Meeting — **5:45 PM**

Place of Meeting — **Council Chambers**
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

Commissioner Harrell called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m.

Present: Ed Harrell, Fred Padjen, Sathy Rajendran, Geraldine O'Mahony
Absent: Sigrid Davison (excused), George Bottcher
Others Present: Jeremy Johnston-Planning Manager; Dan Carlson-Community Development Director; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; David Miller-City Council Liaison; Michael Buehn, Chad Bala, Jeff Calaway

Commissioner Rajendran motioned to excuse the absence of Sigrid Davison. Motion passed 4-0.

2. Approval of Agenda

Nominations for Vice Chair will be put on the agenda for next month.

Michael Buehn was introduced. The recommendation for him to join the Planning Commission is scheduled for March 18, 2024. After City Council approves the recommendation, he will be voting Commissioner.

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Mahony stated the minutes from January 11, 2024, need to be amended due to her last name being misspelled.

Commissioner Rajendran motioned to approve the amended minutes from January 11, 2024. Motion passed 4-0.

4. New Business

4.A P23-130 Calaway Annexation
The staff report was read by staff member Johnston, recommending approval. The two zones that are being proposed are consistent with the future land use map. Public comment opened. Chad Bala spoke and stated he represents Jeff and Valerie Calaway and Kristin Gibson. He supports the staff report and zoning recommendations. No additional comments from Jeff Calaway. Public comment closed. Commissioner Rajendran motioned to forward a

recommendation to City Council to adopt an ordinance annexing parcels 166133, 118133, 118836, 278836, 108836, 288133, 850836, and 278133 with a Light Industrial zoning designation and parcels 939333 and 639333 with a Commercial Highway zoning designation. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Unfinished Business
None

6. Citizen Comment
None

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items
Commissioner Harrell requested an item be added to future agendas to update the Commission on land use changes and project updates. Commissioner Harrell asked for an update on the Motel 6 project. Johnston stated that the owner is looking into keeping it a motel with a longer-term lease option, but no permits have been applied for yet. Harrell requested an update on the Vantage Highway project that was denied due to the zoning being inconsistent with the proposed use. Johnston stated the applicant has not proposed the use on other parcels. Commissioner Harrell requested an update on the Nite's Inn. Director Carlson updated the members on the most recent decisions made by the City Council for the sleep center. The City Council would like members of the public to provide other parcels that could be considered. On March 18, 2024, the City Council will have the sleep center on the agenda.

Michael Buehn was introduced and gave the Commission his background.

8. Commission Representative Update

9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.