



CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Planning Commission, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

April 11, 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

Harrell called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Ed Harrell, Fred Padjen, Geraldine O'Mahony, Sigrid Davison, George Bottcher, Michael Buehn

Absent: Sathy Rajendran (excused)

Others Present: Jeremy Johnston-Planning Manager; Kathy Boots-Planning Technician; Aaron Reiman-Assistant City Attorney

Padjen motioned to excuse the absence of Rajendran. Motion passed 6-0.

2. Approval of Agenda

Padjen motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was amended to include the introduction of new Commissioner Michael Buehn and election of a Vice Chair. Motion passed 6-0.

Padjen nominated Davison for Vice Chair. Davison accepted the nomination. Motion approved 6-0. Davison is Vice Chair.

New Commission Michael Buehn was introduced.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A Planning Commission Minutes 3-14-2024

Padjen motioned to approve the minutes from 3/14/24 regular meeting minutes. Motion approved 6-0.

4. New Business

4.A Roberts Rules of Order Presentation

Assistant City Attorney Aaron Reiman presented the Roberts Rules of Order Presentation.

5. Unfinished Business

None

6. Citizen Comment

7. Staff Update/Discussion Items

7.A Washington State Senate Bill 5290 Introduction

Johnston reviewed Washington State Senate Bill 5290. He reviewed some of the timelines that will be changed and reviewed the consequences of meeting those timelines. Three measures will need to be adopted. If timelines are not met, the state will require more measures to be adopted. Staff reviewed measures briefly. Timelines will now be reported to the state. Staff will send out regulation proposals in June or July. Concurrent with Bill 5290 is Bill 1337. The City Code will be amended at the same time with changes to middle housing and Accessory Dwelling Units as determined by the Bill.

7.B Commissioner Inquiries

The Commissioners requested an update on the Sustainability Plan. The plan has been adopted. A tree canopy survey is being done. The Environmental Commission is discussing energy strategies and reviewing survey results. The regulations will come from the Environmental Commission and will then be brought to the Planning Commission. After the Planning Commission has reviewed the strategies, it will be brought before City Council.

The future land use map will be changed to allow more density as the State Bill requires a higher density.

Follow up on the Interlocal agreement was discussed.

8. Commission Representative Update

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.