



**MINUTES
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 2021
VIA ZOOM MEETINGS
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order:

Chairwoman Maier called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed attendees.

Attendance:

Present: Chairwoman Maier, Vice-Chair Townsend, Commissioners Mealer, Smith, and Palmer. Planning Manager Stevens, Senior Planner O'Neill Administrative Assistant II Follett were also present.

Approval of Agenda:

Chair Maier asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

COMMISSIONER PALMER MOVED AND COMMISSIONER MEALER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JUNE 9, 2021 MEETING AGENDA AS WRITTEN. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Approval of Minutes:

None included in packet for review and approval.

New Business – Pubic Hearing:

1. Shoreline Master Program Update

Chairwoman Maier introduced the item and recognized Sr. Planner Shane O'Neill to present the staff report. Mr. O'Neill first presented a Power Point explaining the process for the periodic update. He highlighted the purpose of tonight's public hearing and the joint review process with the Department of Ecology. Mr. O'Neill noted the Commission could make a recommendation or take input and hold a closed record hearing at a later date to make a recommendation. Mr. Stevens also provided input outlining the required updates and those items not required for updates.

Chairwoman Maier opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m. and recognized Patrick Paulson. Mr. Paulson summarized his written comments and highlighted key points from his submitted comments.

Chair Maier recognized Debby Berkowitz. Ms. Berkowitz referred Commissioners to her comments contained in the packet and spoke about the Commission's previous update of the Critical Areas Ordinance and the importance of both regulations providing the same clear guidance.

Chair Maier recognized Chelsea Benner, Department of Ecology Shoreline Planner. Ms. Benner introduced herself and noted her participation was to listen and receive public comment, which she would then respond to at a later date. She asked if Commissioners had any questions for her. There were none.

Chairwoman Maier closed the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. and opened the item for Commission questions. Chair Maier asked Mr. Stevens if there was a time frame the Commission had to meet for making a recommendation. Mr. Stevens clarified that there was no deadline and the Commission could make a motion to postpone action and reconsider at the next meeting if so desired. Chair Maier also asked about the comment matrix referred to in staff's presentation. Mr. O'Neill noted it was inadvertently left out of the packet but is available on the SMP webpage on the City's website. Commissioners asked further questions and discussed information and comments.

VICE-CHAIR TOWNSEND MOVED AND COMMISSIONER MEALER SECONDED THE MOTION TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM TO ALLOW CITY AND STATE OFFICIALS TIME TO RESPOND TO WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE UPDATE. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Communications:

Mr. Stevens noted there were several upcoming items for Commission consideration.

Adjournment:

Chairwoman Maier adjourned the meeting at 6:35 PM.

PREPARED BY: *Lynne Follett*
Lynne Follett, Administrative Assistant II

REVIEWED BY: *Mike Stevens*
Mike Stevens, Planning Manager

APPROVED BY: *[Signature]*
Francesca Maier, Chairwoman