



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Final Planning Commission

Monday, October 12, 2020

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 5 - Chair Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Christopher Staggs, Commissioner Dirk Schlagenhauser, Commissioner Gregory Stoll, and Commissioner Vern Johnson

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Tom Geil and Commissioner Patti Gage

Staffers: 2 - Community Development Director Laura Terway and City Attorney Carrie Richter

2. Public Comment – *None*

3. Public Hearing

GLUA 20-00033 LEG-20-00001 Public Works Code Amendments. Request for a continuance to October 26, 2020: Proposed code revisions to the Geologic Hazards Overlay District and other ancillary Public Works related development code & standards such as refinements to Public Utility Easements (PUE), requirements for undergrounding utilities, sanitary sewer standards, and the adoption of policies relating to sidewalk obstructions and undergrounding of utilities.

Laura Terway, Community Development Director, said staff was requesting a continuance of the hearing to October 26, 2020 to give staff more time to answer the questions about the code amendments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Schlagenhauser, seconded by Commissioner Stoll, to continue the hearing to October 26, 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Chair Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Dirk Schlagenhauser, Commissioner Vern Johnson, Commissioner Gregory Stoll, and Commissioner Christopher Staggs

4. General Business

Update on Senate Bill 1573 and Associated Court Decisions

Carrie Richter, City Attorney, gave an update on the Court of Appeals decision on the challenge to the constitutionality of Senate Bill 1573, prohibiting voter approved annexations. They had ruled that Senate Bill 1573 was constitutional as it related to particular charter provisions. The City could amend its charter to remove the “unless mandated by law” provision and then argue that it had home rule authority for voter approved annexations. The City had to comply with Senate Bill 1573 regarding annexations unless they changed the charter. If they refused to approve an annexation, an applicant could go to court to have the court issue an order that the City not send it to the voters. She gave an example of a recent annexation that did not go to the voters.

There was discussion regarding the annexation criteria and possible outcomes if the charter was changed.

Provide Policy Advice and/or Project Requests to the City Commission for the Next Biennium Budget

Ms. Terway said the next biennium budget would run from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. She asked if the Commission wanted to provide policy advice and/or project requests for the next biennium. She explained what was included in the letter for the current biennium.

There was consensus to put this on a future agenda for discussion.

5. Communications

Ms. Terway said they would be announcing the consultant for the second half of the Comprehensive Plan update soon. There were two new planning interns to work on Historic Review Board code changes and the Transportation Demand Management Plan. The Community Development office hours had changed. They had received 750 responses to the OC 2040 survey so far and they were sending paper surveys out as well.

6. Adjournment

Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.