

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of October 4, 2016
Regular Meeting

Members present: Joe Adamack, Roxie Chapin, Tom Dantzler, Robert Scully
Members absent: Jim Todd (excused)
Staff present: Acting City Manager Joe Scorcio; Acting Community Development Director Jeff Robinson; Steve Pilcher, Planning Manager

1. Call to Order

Chair Adamack called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 regular meeting as written. **Passed 4-0.**

4. Public Hearing: Keeping of domestic animals

Chair Adamack opened the public hearing at 5:37 p.m.

Planning Manager Steve Pilcher provided a brief staff report. He noted that the Mayor requested the Commission conduct a hearing on this issue and make a recommendation to the full Council. The primary issue of concern was the current code allowance for the keeping of roosters. Staff is recommending that peacocks (a similarly loud fowl) and goats also be included in the list of animals not allowed within the city limits. As a corollary action, the draft ordinance also includes a repeal of the never-used Equestrian Overlay District. Mr. Pilcher noted that the draft changes had been sent to the State, with no comments being received and that this action is also exempt from SEPA review.

The Chair asked for public testimony. There being none, the hearing was closed to testimony at 5:41 p.m.

The Chair then offered some alternative amendments, which would add language to the City's nuisance noise standards (SMC 8.05.360) in order to address repetitive noise from animals. He also suggested adding language to SMC 6.05.055 to address the accumulation of fecal matter on properties. A final amendment to the definition of "Kennel/Cattery" was suggested, to exclude the breeding and selling of dogs or cats from the definition. With these changes, the Chair did

not believe it would be necessary to institute the ban on roosters, peacocks and goats that is contained in the draft ordinance.

The Commission discussed the proposal of the Chair and concurred with moving forward in that direction.

Moved and seconded to recommending approval of the draft ordinance, excluding any reference to banning any specific animal (roosters, peacocks or goats) and to recommend the Council adopt the other code amendments suggested by the Chair. **Passed 4 – 0 .**

5. City Manager's Report

Acting City Manager Joe Scorcio provided an update on the City's biennial budget process. He noted a preliminary draft budget was presented the City Council's Administrative & Finance Committee on Monday.

He also called the Commission's attention to two Council meetings to be held this Thursday at the Community Center. At 5:00, they will be inviting public testimony on the question of whether to publically support or oppose the upcoming ST3 ballot measure. At 6:00, a Town Hall meeting will commence.

Finally, Mr. Scorcio noted that recruitment for the two management analyst positions in the City Manager's office is occurring, with a first round of interviews to occur in the near future.

6. CED Director's Report

Acting CED Director Jeff Robinson provided a report on the "Party on the Plaza" which occurred on Saturday, September 24, celebrating the opening of light rail service to the Angle Lake Station. He noted that the Council is still considering the ground floor commercial code amendments and had asked that the Park'n'Fly issue be first sent to the Land Use and Parks Committee for overall policy guidance before the Commission begins its work.

7. Commissioner Comments

Chair Adamack stated that he is not re-applying to remain on the Planning Commission and that he will continue to serve until a replacement is found, which hopefully will occur soon.

8. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.