

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of January 16, 2018
Regular Meeting

Members present: Tej Basra, Roxie Chapin, Pam Pollock, Brandon Pinto, Stanley Tombs
Members absent: Tom Dantzler, Jim Todd (both excused)
Staff present: Al Torrico, Senior Planner; Steve Pilcher, Planning Manager; Al Torrico, Senior Planner; Brianna Burroughs, Associate Planner

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Pollock called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

Earl Gipson, SeaTac resident, stated that food trucks need to demonstrate how sales taxes collected while doing business in SeaTac will be remitted to the City. In terms of the Sign Code, he advocated only doing what needs to be done to ensure compliance with the Supreme Court decision.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the corrected minutes (spelling of Commissioner Basra's name) of the January 2, 2018 meeting. **Passed 5-0.**

4. Worksession on Zoning Code amendments to implement 2018 Port of Seattle/City of SeaTac Interlocal Agreement

Senior Planner Al Torrico reviewed the draft code amendments to SMC 15.210 that will implement the new Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Port of Seattle. He noted that, due to the number of changes, the Commission's packet includes both "clean" and "strike-out" versions. Mr. Torrico highlighted some of the changes included in the proposal. He also indicated that the land use charts may not remain in the code, depending upon direction received from the City Attorney's office.

This matter will be scheduled for public hearing at the next meeting, to be held on February 6th.

5. Work session on Sign Code amendments regarding "content neutrality"

Associate Planner Brianna Burroughs reviewed the nature of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on *Reed v. Town of Gilbert*, which established the "content neutrality" standard for non-commercial speech. She explained the approach staff is taking to the drafting of code amendments, noting the intent to regulate signs by zone as opposed to land use. She also indicated that staff may recommend some changes to the amortization and non-conforming provisions of the Sign Code.

Commissioners expressed concern with allowing too many signs within the public right-of-way. They also had questions regarding how the city regulates electronic signs.

Staff will continue to work on drafting amendments and return at a future meeting.

6. Director's Report

Planning Manager Steve Pilcher noted that Director Robinson had spent the day in Olympia, meeting with legislators. He reminded the Commission of an open house that will occur at City Hall in late February, the purpose of which is to let citizens view the remodeling changes that have occurred.

Mr. Pilcher also advised the Commission that per the policy adopted as part of last year's Comprehensive Plan update process, staff will be developing a work plan for review and potential amendment of the City Center Plan (the plan will be 20 years old in 2019).

7. Commissioners' Reports

None.

8. Adjournment

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed 5 - 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.