

CITY OF SEATAC
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of November 6, 2018
Regular Meeting

Members present: Leslie Baker, Roxie Chapin, Tom Danzler, Brandon Pinto, and Stanley Tombs
Members absent: Tej Basra, Jim Todd
Staff present: Steve Pilcher, CED Director; Jennifer Kester, Planning Manager

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Stanley Tombs called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting as written. **Passed 5-0.**

4. Public Hearing on Miscellaneous Amendments to SMC Title 15, Zoning Code

Commissioner Tombs recused himself from the hearing due to his ownership of a property with significant frontage on Interstate 5. Commissioner Pinto chaired the public hearing.

CED Director Pilcher provided a presentation of the two amendments, noting the legal steps of hearing notice; SEPA compliance; and transmittal of the proposals to the State Department of Commerce for agency review. He reviewed the history of the two proposals, noting that the freeway landscaping issue is related to the SR-509 project and the wetland in-lieu fee mitigation proposal has relevancy to the Sound Transit Federal Way Link Extension project.

Public Testimony:

Earl Gipson inquired about how long wetland monitoring continues.

Being no further members of the public wanting to provide testimony, Commissioner Pinto closed the hearing to public testimony at 5:42 p.m.

Moved and seconded to delete the landscaping requirement as described in the staff report. Passed 4-0 (one abstention).

Moved to add the in-lieu fee mitigation provision, seconded. Passed 4-0 (one abstention).

5. CED Director's Report

CED Director Pilcher commented on the Volunteer Luncheon that was held on Monday and reminded the Commission of an upcoming Special Council meeting on November 14 to consider a potential candidate for City Manager. There will be a public open house at 5:00 p.m. to introduce the candidate.

Planning Manager Jennifer Kester reported on meeting with the PED Committee regarding the City Center Plan. She also noted two items that will be in front of the Commission in the near future: 1) update of the Shorelines Master Program and 2) small cell siting in light of a recent FCC ruling.

6. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Baker inquired about the Commissioners' December schedule. It was noted that the Commission typically only meets on the first Tuesday of that month.

Commissioner Pinto commented regarding his investigations in LEED standards.

Commissioner Baker discussed how some town centers are discussing eliminating vehicular access.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.