



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 2, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Hubbell at 6:11 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Chair Dan Hubbell, Vice Chair Tiffin Goodman, Commissioners Carolyn Boatsman, and Lucia Pirzio-Biroli were present. Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Ted Weinberg, and Jennifer Mechem were absent. City staff was represented by Scott Greenberg, DSG Director, Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney, and Andrew Leon, Planner.

Commissioner Mechem Arrived at 6:19 PM
Commissioner Weinberg Arrived at 7:25 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the June 21, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Boatsman moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli.

The minutes were approved 4-0.

APPEARANCES:

There were no appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Public Hearing: ZTR17-002 Transportation Concurrency

Public hearing, review, and possible recommendation on a proposed zoning text amendment modifying MICC Title 19 related to transportation concurrency.

Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli expressed concern about the focus of concurrency on vehicular traffic without consideration for multimodal transportation.

Vice Chair Goodman expressed concern about the wording of 19.20.030(H)(2), stating that it was unclear what amount of funding for traffic improvements the applicant would be responsible for if they added a small number of vehicle trips and triggered a reduction to level of service.

Chair Hubbell reopened the public hearing at 7:15 PM.

There was no public comment.

Chair Hubbell closed the public hearing at 7:16 PM

Commissioner Boatsman moved to recommend that the City Council approve the request for an amendment to Mercer Island City Code (MICC) Title 19, as detailed in Exhibit 1 and as amended below. Seconded by Commissioner Goodman.

Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli moved to amend the wording of 19.02.030(H)(1) to state "... reduction of trips generated by the original proposed development using Transportation Demand Management ...". Seconded by Commissioner Boatsman. The motion to amend was approved 6-0.

The Commission deliberated on reducing the timeframe from transportation improvements for concurrency from 6 years to 3 years.

The Commission deliberated on the wording of 19.02.030(H)(2) to add a "latecomers" agreement to partially reimburse the developer of concurrency facility construction when later developments are constructed that would affect the facility. Vice Chair Goodman moved to add such a "latecomers" agreement to the concurrency ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli. The motion was approved 6-0.

The amended motion to recommend was approved 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli will be absent for the August 16, 2017 meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be August 16, 2017 at 6:00PM at Mercer Island City Hall to discuss comprehensive plan updates for 2017.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Hubbell adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm.