



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 7, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The Planning Commission was called to order by Planning Manager Evan Maxim at 7:10 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Carolyn Boatsman, Bryan Cairns, Tiffin Goodman, Dan Hubbell, Jennifer Mechem, Lucia Pirzio-Biroli, and Ted Weinberg were present. City staff was represented by Scott Greenberg, DSG Director, Jason Kintner, Public Works Director, Evan Maxim, Planning Manager, and Bio Park, Assistant City Attorney.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli nominated Commissioner Hubbell as Chair. The nomination was approved 7-0. Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli nominated Commissioner Goodman as Vice-Chair. The nomination was approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #2: Planning Commission Bylaws

Evan Maxim provided an overview of proposed amendments to the bylaws. Vice-Chair Goodman moved to adopt the bylaws as drafted, with the addition of changing the election of chair and vice-chair from July to June. Second by Commissioner Boatsman. Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli moved to retain Section 3.5 but remove the reference to quasi-judicial process. Second by Commissioner Boatsman. The motion was approved 7-0. Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli moved to remove the portion of Section 5.2.2 related to quasi-judicial process. Second by Commissioner Boatsman. The motion was approved 7-0. Commissioner Weinberg moved to remove "but shall not initiate or second a motion" from the last sentence in Section 4.2. Second by Vice-Chair Goodman. The motion failed 1-6. Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli moved to start Planning Commission meetings at 6:00 pm. Second by Commissioner Boatsman. The motion was approved 6-1. The main motion passed 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the May 17, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Cairns moved to approve the minutes. Second by Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli. The minutes were approved 7-0.

The Commission briefly recessed at 8:01PM for a photograph. The meeting was re-convened at 8:04PM.

APPEARANCES:

No public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Planning Commission recessed to an Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110.

The Commission briefly recessed at 8:33 PM. The meeting was re-convened at 8:38 PM.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #3: (PUBLIC HEARING) ZTR17-005 Freeman Avenue Street Vacation

Jason Kintner provided an introduction of the proposed street vacation on Freeman Avenue. Freeman Ave is located on the west side of Mercer Island, extending west of West Mercer Way and the section in question is an unopened street end. In February 2016, a landslide affected a portion of the public right-of-way and the existing street improvements. Following consultation with adjacent property owners, the City has initiated the street vacation process.

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:45 PM.

There was no public comment.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:46 PM.

Commissioner Pirzio-Biroli moved to recommend approval of the proposed street vacation of Freeman Avenue. Second by Commissioner Weinberg. The motion was approved 7-0.

Agenda Item #4: ZTR17-002 Transportation Concurrency

Scott Greenberg provided an introduction of the proposed transportation concurrency ordinance. Mike Usen and Carl Springer, from DKS Consultants provided additional information and background to the Planning Commission on the proposed transportation concurrency ordinance. Scott Greenberg described the next steps, with a public hearing scheduled for June 21.

The Commission asked for additional information regarding:

- The interaction between traffic impact fees and transportation concurrency.
- Changes of use that do not require a building permit but increase the trip generation.
- The 100 ADT threshold.
- Changes in the project design that would result in increased trip generation.
- Exemptions for projects on public land.
- The basis for the possible six-year delay in transportation concurrency.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Mercer Island City Hall. Vice Chair Goodman and Commissioner Mechem will be absent on June 21, 2017. Chair Hubbell and Commissioner Boatsman will be absent on July 5, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Hubbell adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.