

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Consent C 1D

DATE: June 10, 2010

SUBJECT: Council Meeting Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the May 20, 2010 special Council Meeting on the Comprehensive Plan as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve as submitted

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Mayor Pro-tem Slawson called the special meeting of the Sultan City Council to order in the Sultan Community Center. Mayor Eslick arrived late. Councilmembers present: Pinson, Slawson, Flower, Beeler, and Blair. Absent: Wiediger and Davenport-Smith

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Steve Harris: The Council has a tough challenge but is almost to top of hill. Appreciates the concern for the people, developers and community in general. Thanks for going the extra mile. They work hard and accept responsibility which is good for the community. .

Bob Knuckey: As a Planning Board member, at the last special meeting he was shocked at the deletions the council made with words like protect and develop. He made remarks at the end of the meeting that were not met to be critical. The Planning Board had reviewed the MMP's and CCP's and thought they agreed. After further review, he agrees with the changes made. He appreciates the effort the Council has gone through to complete the plan. Encouraged them to keep doing the great job they are doing and try not to take everyone seriously.

Council comments

Flower: They have heard worse comments from previous administrations and it is good to work with this council. Announced that due to the local economy, his business slow and he has accepted a job in Monroe on the swing shift and will not be able to attend the meetings. He will request a 90 day leave of absence from the Council. He has been on the Council for 6 ½ years and has enjoyed the work. He is currently chair of the Snohomish Health District and someone will need to fill his position as East County representative.

Pinson: After reading the MPP's and CPP's, he is nauseated by the various levels of government telling us how to use our land.

DISCUSSION

Review of Land Use Element

The issue is to review the proposed goal and policy changes to the land use element of the 2004 comprehensive plan and provide direction to staff. For the most part, the council did not make material changes to the planning board recommendations.

Planning board members present at the May 6, 2010 special council meeting were concerned the council proposed changes are not consistent with the MPP and CPP goals and policies. Staff have reviewed the council proposed changes and did not find any inconsistencies with the MPP or CPP.

Other proposed changes include:

1. Replacing the words "small town character" with Sultan's local character."
2. Replacing safely with conveniently
3. Replacing "provide" with "designate" or "require"
4. Ensuring land use designations can be supported with adequate facilities and urban services consistent with capital facilities plans for public facilities and utilities
5. Delete LU 3.7 related to developments outside the UGA in resource areas as not applicable to Sultan as an urban area
6. Replacing "necessary" with "feasible"
7. Moving policies to develop historic plaque system and evaluate project impacts on historic sites to implementation strategies

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The council reviewed the proposed changes. Detail of the changes will be provided in the June 3, 2010 staff report.

Discussion was held regarding landscape requirements along Highway 2 and the need to encourage business owners to clean up the city's image and make their business more attractive to potential customers. Consider the difference between industrial use and commercial use and provide language for both.

The Puget Sound Regional Council was formed to address transportation needs and has extended into land use issues and all elements of the Growth Management Act. The transportation funding comes from the federal government and the PSRC provides oversight. There is little representation for the smaller cities on the PSRC board that is setting policy for three counties.

The issue of historic buildings was addressed and there is a need to provide options for property owners.

The time line for updates required under GMA has been extended by the State. If the city continues to plan now they will not be under pressure in 2012 to get the plan completed in a hurry.

Brief discussion was held regarding the design review board process and the lack of standards and implementation. The business community is not ready for design standards.

Transportation Element:

The issue is to review the planning board recommended changes to the Transportation Element goals and policies. The Transportation Element consists of the goals, policies, recommendations and implementation plans to guide the development of the city's transportation system in support of the city's land use element and vision for the future.

The Transportation Element is intended to ensure that the city's transportation infrastructure and its management meet the needs of the city's residents and economy for safe efficient, and economical local movement and access to regional transportation facilities and services. The Transportation Element is intended to:

1. Support, coordinate and integrate with the plans of the other elements of the comprehensive plan.
2. Establish a framework for transportation system planning, development and management processes.
3. Meet level of service, concurrency, and related elements of the Growth Management Act.
4. Emphasize cost effective, environmentally sound and safe transportation systems which promote and enhance the quality of life for Sultan residents and visitors.
5. Promote a connection between housing, employment and commercial centers to create alternatives to driving.
6. Address transportation facilities, services and strategies for providing practical alternatives to the single-occupancy vehicle.
7. Coordinate with transit, municipal, regional and state governments as well as the private sector to develop and operate efficient and economic transportation systems and service.

The Planning Board and Small Group comments have been considered in the draft document. The Council reviewed the document in detail and recommended language be added to address budgetary constraints on projects. The detailed changes made by the council will be available in the June 3, 2010 staff report.

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Steve Harris: The buildable lands report will mandate population even if the city wants to reduce the size. The apparent County agenda is to implement multi-family density with less urban sprawl. Thanked Councilmember Pinson for his comments on big government and control on business. The Council supports the people and are doing good job. Design standards are a good idea and may cost money but some may want a look for the city. The economy is driving business decisions not the city. Appreciates the Council allowing public participation in the discussion.

COUNCILMEMBER RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Slawson: Thanked the Planning Board for their work on the comp plan. The MPP's (multi jurisdiction planning policy) are designed for the I 5 corridor but we must comply.

Blair: The population allocation is the reason the impact fees are where they are because we must plan for the TIB and future improvements by planning for a set population level. Island city should have a different set of rules.

Beeler: PSRC dealt with transportation issue today and had the vote on the Vision 2040 plan – tolling will happen in the state and probably on Highway 2.

Adjournment: On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Beeler, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM. All ayes.

Steve Slawson, Mayor Pro-tem

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk