

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Consent C 1 A

DATE: July 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Council Meeting Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the July 1, 2010 Special Council Meeting as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve as submitted

CITY OF SULTAN SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING – July 1, 2010

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Teresa Knuckey: Thanks to Connie Dunn for her work up at Lake 16 (Watershed) to clean up the area.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Blair: Allied Waste will be providing garbage bags and collections during the Shindig.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are incorporated into the consent and approved by a single motion of the Council. On a motion by Councilmember Slawson seconded by Councilmember Davenport-Smith, the consent agenda was approved. Pinson – aye; Slawson – aye; Davenport-Smith – aye; Blair – aye.

- 1) Approval of the city council's recommended changes to the goals and polices in the housing element of the 2004 Comprehensive Plan

ACTION ITEMS:**Comprehensive Plan Park Element:**

The issue before the city council is to approve the council recommended changes to the Parks Element goals and policies from the June 17, 2010 meeting. The City of Sultan Parks Element consists of goals, policies, recommendations, and implementation plans to guide the development of the city's park, trail and open space system in support of the city's land use element and vision for the future.

The Parks Element is intended to ensure that the city's park, trail and open space infrastructure and its management meet the needs of the city's residents and economy. The multi-county planning policies (MPP) and countywide planning policies (CPP) do not include specific policies for parks and open space.

That said, the city's parks element is guided by the Park and Recreation Open Space Plan (PROS Plan). The work on the city's PROS Plan will be translated directly to the parks element. The proposed park goals and policies, approved by the city council, will be included in the PROS Plan. The PROS Plan must be consistent with the Growth Management Act and must support Sultan's overall parks and recreation and habitat conservation mission.

On a motion by C/M Slawson, seconded by C/M Davenport-Smith, the recommended changes to the Parks element goals and policies were adopted. All ayes.

DISCUSSION**Comprehensive Plan Environmental Element:**

The issue before the city council is to review the planning board recommended changes to the environmental element goals and policies from the June 15, 2010 meeting.

Under Vision 2040, the staff recommended Environmental Element goals and policies are divided into four topic headings consistent with Vision 2040:

1. Environmental stewardship
2. Earth and habitat
3. Water quality
4. Air quality
5. Climate change (new for Sultan)

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Small Group Comments from November 10, 2009

- Agencies at the county, state and federal level are doing the maximum to protect the environment and increasing beyond that. The city should do the minimum required by state and federal law to protect natural resources.
- The city should promote innovative design to minimize the impact to natural land features. The city can assist by making builders aware of private sector, state and federal programs that offer economic incentives for innovative design. The city should not adopt additional regulations.
- The city should do the minimum level of effort required by county, state and federal law to address climate change.
- The city should not adopt additional flood management regulations. Flood management issues should be handled by the city implementing the laws needed for compliance with regulations from county, state and federal agencies.

Community Comments

- Puget Sound Air Quality regulators already monitor the air quality out here. We don't need the City of Sultan adding anything to these regulations.
- Man caused "Global Warming" is a huge scam and "cap and trade" is the liberal/Socialist answer to their effort to control every aspect of our lives.
- We should be so arrogant to think that we can affect the climate in any way measurable.
- If you want to build or re-build in the floodplain you should have flood insurance; if you cannot get insurance than you need to be self insured or not build to cover yourself if you are damaged in a flood

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) and the county-wide planning policies emphasize joint planning and coordination in an effort to address large and small ecosystems. Land use, transportation, air quality and human health are interconnected and from the regional perspective, require integrated planning, regulations, and implementation actions. The Puget Sound Regional Council climate change initiatives are included in the environment planning policies. Vision 2040 calls for cities within the region to reduce contributions to greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the anticipated impacts of climate change on the ecosystem.

There are many residents who do not believe that climate change is scientific fact or that it is the result of industrial activities. Yet, the city is obligated to align its goals and policies with the MPP and CPP which address climate change initiatives.

Discussion: Concern about "ensuring" the city can do something;(EN3.1.2) designation of lands with severe limitations for low density – conflict with lot averaging ordinance – eliminate "low density; mining resources – consistency with Shoreline Master Plan. Detail of the changes will be included in the next staff report.

Adjournment: On a motion by Councilmember Pinson, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. All ayes.

Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk