

**SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET**

ITEM NO: Consent C 3
DATE: October 9, 2008
SUBJECT: Council Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

SUMMARY:

Attached are the minutes of the September 9, 2008 Council and Planning Board joint Public Hearing on the revised Comprehensive Plan as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve as submitted

MOTION:

Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

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The joint hearing of the Sultan City Council and Planning Board was called to order in the Sultan Community Center by Mayor Eslick and Planning Board Chair Frank Linth.

Councilmembers present: Wiediger, Slawson, Flower, Davenport-Smith, Blair and Doornek.

Absent: Champeaux.

Planning Board present: Linth, Harris, Arndt, and McBride. Absent: Zafram

Comprehensive Plan Hearing: Deborah Knight and Frank Linth explained the process for making comments on the Comprehensive Plan. The public was advised that only those comments made during the hearing will be part of the public hearing record.

Executive Session:

On a motion by Planning Board Member Arndt, seconded by Planning Board Member Harris, the Council adjourned to executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss potential litigation. All ayes

On a motion by Councilmember Doornek, seconded by Councilmember Slawson, the Council adjourned to executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss potential litigation. All ayes.

HEARING:

The Public Hearing on the Comprehensive Plan was called to order by Chairperson Linth and Mayor Eslick. There were no objections to the Councilmembers or Planning Board members participation in the hearing.

Reid Shockey:

Provided a brief background on the comprehensive plan revisions. The City adopted the plan in 2004 and the Growth Management Board found the plan did not contain all the required elements. The City needed to revise the 2004 Comprehensive Plan in response to orders from the Central Puget Sound Growth Management Hearings Board. The compliance orders require the City to revise the 2004 Comprehensive Plan so the capital facilities plan and financing strategy, transportation improvement financing strategy, levels of service standards, and implementing development regulations meet the requirements of the State Growth Management Act.

The City Council and Planning Board began working together in January 2008 to make the necessary changes to the 2004 Comprehensive Plan and supporting documents. As part of the process, the City issued a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for public comment. The final SEIS will be issued on or about September 24, 2008.

The Planning Board will make a final recommendation on the plan to the City Council and they will hold a final public hearing.

Public comments:

Sue Shawger: Asked how the meeting notice was published as there was no notice on the board.

Stan Hydrick: Advised that he has provided a written statement to the City which had citations from the code and backup information. He would like to make sure the comments are considered. The new plan is far too ambitious and requires infrastructure improvements in excess of funding. Property owners may lose property and incur hookup fees and a road through their property and they should be notified of this potential impact. Maintaining quality of life for rural community is a major issue for citizens. The City should plan within their means. Growth is

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not always beneficial for the community; it can be an economic drain. The goal was to make the plan GMA compliant. If the approved plan is not supported by funding, the City may find themselves before the GMA Board again.

Jean Roberts: Submitted a letter for the record. She thought the capital facility plan would be part of the comprehensive plan. She lives in the county and it appears a collector road will go through her property. The County is responsible for planning in the Rural Urban Transition Area (RUTA) which is where her property is located. There have not been any meetings regarding the RUTA or future planning impacts. There is a development planned across the road from her property on top of an aquifer recharge area which seems to be a critical area. Both CTED and GMA advise against urbanization on or near critical areas. The level of service for police should not be reduced when the population is growing. People who live on the plateau are concerned with the City's comprehensive plan the impacts to their property.

Gerry Gibson: Thanked everyone for their involvement in the plan development. There were only a few people involved in the open house and not many residents. He has submitted comments on the sewer plan determination of non-significance and on the comprehensive plan. There has been a lack of public involvement in the plan and he only got involved because of the impact to his property. Notices have been provided about the meetings but not about the impacts to the water, sewer or roads. People need to know the financial impact to them and that they may lose their property. The information provided was general and specific to each property.

On a motion by Planning Board Member Arndt, seconded by Planning Board Member Harris, the public hearing was closed. All ayes.

Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

Frank Linth, Planning Board Chair

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk