

WESTPORT PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Chairperson William Leraas called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Roll was taken and a quorum was established.

1. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson William Leraas, Commissioners Mike Coverdale, Marc Myrsell, Douglas Olson and Dennis Rasmussen.

Staff Present: Mayor Michael Bruce and Barbara Nissar, Planning Commission Secretary.

2. MINUTES:

Motion to approve the June 16, 2015 minutes was made by Dennis Rasmussen; **seconded** by Marc Myrsell. **Motion** carries.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

Brad Medrud, from AHBL, passed out the second draft of Critical Area Regulations for the Shoreland Master Plan (SMP). He stated he would like to start the final process this fall. The City needs to allow six months for the adoption phase. The deadline is June 2016.

The City of Westport currently does not have Critical Areas Regulations. The five areas to cover are: wetlands, critical aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically hazardous areas, and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas.

This draft section of the SMP update was reviewed and discussed during the meeting.

Regarding the WCIA Audit Findings Correction to the Planning Commission's Rules and Procedures, the proposed changes passed. William Leraas stated changes would be made by an appendix to the bylaws.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Michael Bruce stated the City Council has been deliberating on marijuana issues. The City Council voted unanimously to send this issue to the Planning Commission for discussion and review. The City Council would like a ban on all marijuana issues.

Marc Myrsell stated he would like to see some allowable use so the City can receive federal money and taxes. He also stated he has several issues regarding marijuana to discuss.

Randy Lewis, representative from the Port of Grays Harbor, stated a public hearing is to take testimony. Once the public hearing is closed, the Planning Commission can discuss. If the changes are dramatic, it should be discussed with the City attorney.

A **motion** was made by William Leraas to hold a public hearing regarding marijuana issues at the August 18th, 2015 Planning Commission meeting. The motion was **seconded** by Dennis Rasmussen. **Motion** passed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Dennis Rasmussen made a **motion** to adjourn; **seconded** by Marc Myrsell. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.