



MINUTES

(Approved on March 16, 2022)

MEETING: Regular Meeting (virtual)

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Karnes (Vice-Chair), Morgan Dorner, Ryan Givens, Robb Krehbiel, Brett Santhuff, Anthony Steele, Andrew Strobel, Alyssa Torrez

ABSENT: Anna Petersen (Chair)

A. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Karnes called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. A quorum was declared.

Vice-Chair Karnes read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Steele moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Givens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

- January 19, 2022

Commissioner Strobel moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022, meeting as submitted. Commissioner Santhuff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

Lihuang Wung, Senior Planner, reported that three comments were received addressing the South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District work plan.

E. Disclosure of Contacts

There were no disclosures of contacts.

F. Discussion Items

1. 2022 Annual Amendment

Mr. Wung reviewed the draft work plan for South Tacoma Groundwater Protection District Code Amendments, and outlined issues raised at the January 19, 2022, meeting relating to the Minor Plan and Code Amendments and staff's response to those issues.

Commissioner Steele asked if the City is redefining family as a response to Senate Bill 5235.

Commissioner Dorner asked if the Code changes on "Street Level Uses and Design" specifically list elements to incorporate into commercial spaces, asked how those Code changes interact with live/work and work/live units, and expressed concerns regarding commercial sites being able to accommodate a variety of uses.

Commissioner Santhuff requested that staff review and verify the language in the "Street Level Uses and Design" changes, noting that the percent language is confusing.

Commissioner Steele asked if the sign code update allows private property owners to post signs with permission from abutting neighbors.

Commissioner Givens stated that he is uncomfortable with item 1 under special regulations governing temporary signs.

The Planning Commission recessed at 5:40 p.m. to join the joint meeting with the Transportation Commission (hosted by the Transportation Commission) and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

The Planning Commission recessed at 7:21 p.m. and reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

Mr. Wung continued to review the issues of the Minor Plan and Code Amendments and next steps.

Commissioner Dorner requested clarification on the Manitou annexation area, including where it is located, the current infrastructure in the area, and what the City will be taking on by annexing it.

Commissioner Givens provided comments on the land use designations and zoning districts of the Manitou annexation area.

Commissioner Steele asked for clarification regarding actions for the meeting and the upcoming schedule.

Commissioner Strobel moved to approve the schedule and release the two applications for public review. Commissioner Torrez seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding why these two applications are separate from the others, additional questions on the Minor Plan and Code Amendment issues, the schedule, and the amendment process.

The motion passed with the following votes:

Ayes – Karnes, Krehbiel, Santhuff, Strobel, and Torrez

Nays – Givens and Steele

Abstain – Dorner

2. BRT Update

This item was discussed at the joint meeting with the Transportation Commission. All Transportation Commission agendas, minutes, and audio can be found at the following link as they become available. www.cityoftacoma.org/government/committees_boards_commissions/transportation_commission/agendas_and_minutes

G. Upcoming Meetings (Tentative Agendas)

(1) Agenda for the March 2, 2022, meeting includes:

- 2022 Annual Amendment Update
- Urban Design Studio

(2) Agenda for the March 16, 2022, meeting includes:

- Shipping Containers and Electric Fences
- Tideflats Regulations and Subarea Plan

H. Communication Items

The Commission acknowledged receipt of communication items on the agenda.

I. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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