



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes August 17, 2022

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2 **1. 6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

3 Chair Casino called the Thurston County Planning Commission meeting on August 17,
4 2022, to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.

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6 **Attendance:** Commissioners Eric Casino (Chair), Doug Karman (Vice-Chair), Kevin
7 Pestinger, Barry Halverson, Scott Nelson, Jim Simmons, Derek Day, and Helen Wheatley.

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9 **Absent:** Joel Hansen

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11 **Staff:** Andrew Boughan, Leah Davis, Maya Teeple and Christina Chaput.

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13 **2. 6:32 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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15 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**
16 **Karman seconded. Motion carried.**

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18 Comment ensued on the times listed on the agenda after motion carried. Times on the
19 agenda are tentative. Actual times will be captured in the official record.

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21 **3. 6:33 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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23 **MOTION: Commissioner Karman moved to approve the August 3, 2022, meeting**
24 **minutes. Commissioner Halverson seconded. Motion carried with 7 yeas and 1 nay.**

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26 The audio recording is the official record of the above-dated meetings. The information
27 herein is provided as an overview of the meeting and a road map to the audio recording.
28 Audio is available online at:

29 [http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.h](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html)
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32 **4. 6:33 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**
33 **public hearings have been held.)**

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35 Christy White, Olympia, WA

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37 **New Business**

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39 **5. 6:40 P.M. WORK SESSION: CPA4 - Capital Improvement Program**

40 *(Staff: Andrew Boughan; Guests: Robin Campbell, Assistant County Manager, Rick*
41 *Thomas, Jason Ashe, Shannon Shula, Joe Plahuta, Matt Unzelman, Jeff Bickford, Scott*
42 *Lindblom, Ed Marson, Tim Wilson, Nate Ensley, Becky Conn)*
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1 Mr. Boughan provided an introduction of staff and an overview of the Capital Improvement
2 Program (CIP). The updated 2023-2028 Thurston County CIP as proposed was presented.
3 The updated CIP was presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on July
4 13, 2022.

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6 There were questions on park impact fees and park projects which were answered by Robin
7 Campbell, Rick Thomas and Ed Marson. Mr. Boughan provided additional clarification.

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9 Discussion ensued on funding, budget and the definition of a capital project. The Nisqually
10 Bridge Department of Transportation project is a common concern.

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12 There were Commissioner requests for wish list items including a playground/park in the
13 south county area, a roundabout at Old Pacific Highway and Highway 510, and set asides
14 for future road projects.

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16 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to set a public hearing on the 2023-2028**
17 **Capital Improvement Program Update for Wednesday September 21, 2022, at 7:00**
18 **PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Commissioner Wheatley**
19 **seconded. Motion carried.**

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21 There was a request for Assistant County Manager, Robin Campbell and public works staff
22 to be available at the public hearing.

23 **Continued Business**

24 25 26 **6. 7:30 P.M PUBLIC HEARING: EMERGENCY HOUSING ORDINANCE** 27 *(Staff: Leah Davis, Maya Teeple)*

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29 Ms. Davis provided a recap of the Emergency Housing Ordinance proposal. A public
30 hearing was held. There were no public comments.

31 32 **7. 7:34 P.M WORK SESSION: EMERGENCY HOUSING ORDINANCE** 33 *(Staff: Leah Davis, Maya Teeple)*

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35 Ms. Teeple began the discussion on the emergency housing ordinance proposal following
36 the public hearing. Additional changes under consideration following the public hearing
37 were reviewed.

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39 There was discussion on whether the County can leave alcohol and illegal drug use up to
40 operator discretion. A Commissioner had a question on whether the definition of illegal
41 drugs is based on the Washington or Federal definition. Staff will consult with legal on
42 these questions.

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44 Discussion ensued on weapons which an operator can restrict. Staff will review with legal
45 looking at options for providing safe storage for weapons and with EHSS to check if adding
46 this option would be burdensome for applicants.

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48 Discussion continued on the waiver of maximum capacity of people allowed in an

1 encampment. The Planning Commission agreed to cap at a 100% increase of maximum
2 capacity.

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4 Discussion ensued on the waiver of public informational meetings. The Commission
5 agreed that there should be no waiver allowed. There was additional discussion on how the
6 public is notified and the concern that renters are not getting notifications, just property
7 owners.

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9 Staff recapped the discussion and will review the following requests from the
10 Commissioners, including review with legal team where necessary, before bringing a
11 recommendation to the next meeting.

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 - Changing the language “may” versus “must” on alcohol and drugs,
 - Looking at options for providing safe storage for weapons,
 - Waiver for capacity to be capped at 100% increase,
 - Adding the informational meeting as a non-waivable criterion, and
 - Looking into the ramifications of waiving general liability insurance.

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19 **New Business**

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21 **8. 8:11 P.M. WORK SESSION: A22 – BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT CODE**
22 **AMENDMENT**

23 *(Staff: Andrew Boughan)*

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25 Mr. Boughan provided background and overview of the Boundary Line Adjustment Code
26 Amendment. This included the proposed changes and outreach to date. There were
27 questions and comments which staff were able to address.

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29 **MOTION: Commissioner Halverson moved to set a public hearing on the Boundary**
30 **Line Adjustment Code Amendment, for Wednesday September 21, 2022, at 7 PM or**
31 **as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Commissioner Nelson seconded.**
32 **Motion carried.**

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34 **Other Business**

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36 **9. 8:20 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

37 *(Staff: Maya Teeple)*

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39 There were no staff updates. Clarification was requested on which commissioners were
40 signing on to the minority reports. Commissioners Wheatley, Pestinger, Day and Hansen
41 are signing the SMP minority report. Ms. Chaput will be provided with the email from
42 Commissioner Hansen reflecting his agreement to sign. Commissioners Pestinger,
43 Wheatley and Day are signing the Wireless Code Update minority report.

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45 There is a request to ensure all planning Commissioners get copies of minority reports in
46 the future.

1 **10. 8:24 P.M. CALENDAR**

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3 September 7, 2022: All plan on attending. Derek Day will not be attending.
4 September 21, 2022: All plan on attending. Derek Day will not be attending.
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6 **11. 8:25 P.M. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

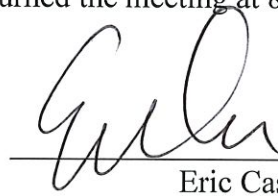
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8 There was a question on the recommendations for the A25 update. Ms. Chaput clarified
9 these items were presented in the PowerPoint presentation. The Planning Commission
10 agreed at the prior meeting with the direction presented.
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12 Discussion ensued on the BOCC Boards & Commissions Handbook received from the
13 Clerk of the BOCC. There are concerns on removing any commission member without
14 cause and on recusals. A recommendation was made to request the Planning Commission
15 ask the BOCC to remove those requirements. Ms. Chaput recommended the Planning
16 Commissioners send emails of concerns and feedback to the Clerk of the BOCC.
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18 There will be an update to formalize processes and make them more consistent within
19 boards and commissions including minority reports. Staff will be providing a county-wide
20 policy in the near future. The Chair requested the Planning Commission hold issues and
21 concerns until that policy is received.
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23 **12. 8:36 P.M. ADJOURN**

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25 With no further business, Chair Casino adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.
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31 Eric Casino, Chair
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