City of Orting

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

April 4, 2022

Chair Kelly Cochran called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Roll call found Commissioners Jeff Craig, Karen Wilson, and Dan Swanson in attendance. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Rule was absent from the meeting due to jury duty. Commissioner Bartholomew was absent due to a family function. Commissioner Craig moved to excuse Commissioners Rule and Bartholomew from the meeting. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

Commissioner McKinney was also absent from the meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

City

Commission Secretary Alison Williams

Professional

Representatives

City Planner Emily Adams

Guests (including Virtual

Log-in)

None

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Agenda Approval

Commissioner Craig moved to approve the agenda with two additions:

- Welcoming new Commissioner Dan Swanson
- Update on dumpsters and flutter flags

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

WELCOME:

Welcoming Dan Swanson

The Commission welcomed the new Commissioner, Dan Swanson, and he stated his

reasons for joining the Commission.

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes for March 7, 2022

Commissioner Craig moved to approve the March 7, 2022 minutes as written.

Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion and it carried.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Supportive and Transitional Housing Code Amendments (E2SHB 1220) Planner Adams presented the proposed permanent Amendments, highlighting the changes from those presented at the March meeting.

- The final sentence of Note 27 was added, limiting the number of individuals based on data about the homeless population of Orting and Pierce County
- Staff recommended removing the buffers around schools and parks, replacing them with a limit on who can use the housing (no sex offenders or individuals under court supervision)

The Commission accepted the Note 27 change but rejected staff's recommendation to remove the buffers. They asked for the following changes:

 Add a Whereas statement to the Ordinance stating Orting's reasons for the restrictiveness of its regulations; we are a small community and not a large City. Add in language limiting who can use the housing (no sex offenders or individuals under court supervision)

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:22pm and closed at 7:23, with no public testimony offered. Planner Adams will bring the revised Amendments to the May meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dumpster Code Violations

Secretary Williams gave an update on her and the Code Enforcement Officer's actions and discussions on the issue of visible dumpsters around town. The Commissioners reiterated their desire to see the dumpsters properly screened. Secretary Williams will continue to work with the Code Enforcement Officer on this issue.

Flutter Flag Code Violations

Secretary Williams gave an update on her and the Code Enforcement Officer's actions and discussions on the issue of illegal flutter flags around town. She will continue to work with the Code Enforcement Officer on this issue.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Meeting Extension

None

Planned Absences

None

Report on Council

Meetings

Planner Adams gave a brief report: The interim regulations on Supporting and Transitional Housing were extended for another six months. An ordinance was passed updating the Park Impact Fee. There was discussion about the Whitehawk Boulevard Extension project. Recovery Café gave a presentation on their programs and services.

Agenda Setting

Planner Adams will bring the updated Supportive and Transitional Housing Code

Amendments at the May meeting.

Planner Adams will have regulations regarding mobile and manufactured homes for the

Commission to review at the May meeting.

Commission asked that the following topics be added to the May meeting: Dumpsters,

Flutter Flags, and Whitehawk project update.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjournment

Commissioner Craig moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm. Commissioner Wilson

seconded the motion and it carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Cochran, Commission Chair

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