

Commissioners

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Dan Swanson
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ORTING PLANNING COMMISSION
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
104 Bridge Street S, Orting, WA
Zoom – Virtual
June 3rd, 2024
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL.

Chair Kelly Cochran called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Co-Chair Craig led the pledge of allegiance.

Commissioners present: Chair Kelly Cochran, Co-Chair Jeff Craig, Commissioners Chris Rule, Dan Swanson, Erika Bartholomew, Joe Pestinger, and Tom Bush.

Staff present: City Administrator Scott Larson.

Virtual: City Planner MillieAnne VanDevender and City Planner Nicole Stickney.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL.

Chair Cochran requested that Cargo Containers be added under Old Business as Item D.

Co-Chair Craig made a motion to add Cargo Containers under Old Business as Item D. Seconded by Commissioner Swanson.

Motion passed (6-0).

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments were made.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Co-Chair Craig made a motion to approve the May 6th, 2024 minutes with corrected scribes' errors. Seconded by Commissioner Rule.

Motion passed (6-0).

5. ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVIEW

A. ADR 2024-07 – Red Barn Daycare

City Administrator Scott Larson read the staff report for ADR 2024-07 and stated that recommendation was approval as presented.

Planning Commission discussion followed.

Co-Chair Craig made a motion for approval of ADR 2024-07 with the modification that the sign is mounted to the shed and does not reach above the roofline. Seconded by Commissioner Swanson.

Motion passed (6-0).

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6. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Comprehensive Plan Updates

City Planner Nicole Stickney gave a presentation briefing Comprehensive Plan Updates. She stated updates have been made to chapters one through four, covering Introduction, Land Use, Natural Environment, and Housing Elements. Key changes and improvements include;

Chapter One – Introduction

- Added a new section titled “Purpose and Intent”.
- Updated “Why is a Comprehensive Plan Needed?” with additional details on GMA goals to inform the public of recent legislative changes relevant to the plan update.
- The section “Vision Goals” was updated to propose “Preserving farming practices” rather than “Preserved important agricultural lands” to better align with the role of a city, per GMA.
- New graphics, general changes to Orting’s Vision Statement, trimming language, and general edits.
- A new section titled “Is Orting Rural?” was added to clarify the word “rural” in the context of the GMA.

Chapter Two – Land Use

- Eliminated the Mixed-Use Town Center North (MUTCN) district.
- City growth and target numbers were updated including population, housing, and employment targets.
- Removed a section on “Urban Agriculture” and removed Policy LU 1.9 regarding agricultural lands.
- Proposed new goals and policies based on PSRC requirements and Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies.

Chapter Three – Natural Environment

- A new Natural Environment element was added to comply with the requirements of GMA and PSRC.
- Relevant information from other elements was relocated to this new element.
- A Climate Element will be required to be incorporated by 2029. The Natural Environment element provides information to establish a starting point for future changes.

Chapter Four – Housing

- The Housing Element includes updates to address new requirements, RCW 36.70A.070(2) and PSRC VISION 2050.
- Added additional goals and policies.
- Updated housing targets.

Planning Commission discussion followed.

7. OLD BUSINESS.

A. RV Code Amendments – Workshop

City Planner MillieAnne VanDevender briefed the revisions to the proposed amendments that were suggested during the May Planning Commission meeting.

Planning Commission discussion followed.

Staff will prepare a redlined version of the proposed code changes for the Planning Commission to review and discuss at the July Planning Commission meeting.

B. Dumpster Violations

City Administrator Scott Larson stated Code Enforcement Officer Curt Ek has been working with a couple of previously addressed locations.

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C. Sign Code Violations

City Administrator Scott Larson stated the businesses mentioned during the last meeting have been contacted. Staff will provide an update during the July Planning Commission meeting.

D. Cargo Containers

City Administrator Scott Larson stated the cargo container located at Eldredge Ave and Calistoga St has been removed. Chair Cochran asked staff to provide a status update at the next meeting for the storage container located at Business Solutions.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER.

1. Planned Absences.

Co-Chair Craig will attend the July meeting virtually and Commissioner Pestinger will be absent.

Co-Chair Craig made a motion to extend the meeting to 9pm. Seconded by Commissioner Rule.

Motion passed (6-0).

2. Report on Council Meetings.

City Administrator Scott Larson briefed the following highlights from the May Council Meetings:

- Council has adopted the newest version of the State Building Code.
- Council has adopted an updated Side Sewer Policy that clarifies burden of ownership between the City and a homeowner.
- Council approved the purchase of Flock Camera System. Flock Camera System is a tool that assists law enforcement in reducing crime by gathering objective evidence and facts about vehicles in the city and alerting Officers when vehicles of interest are located in real time.
- Council approved City Sponsorship for Rock Festival, Summerfest, and Red Hat Days.
- Council has updated the policy for written public comments. Council has determined that if a written public comment is 300 words or less, the comment will be read into the record the night of the meeting. If the comment is 301 words or more, staff will distribute the comments to Council at the meeting in hard copy form.
- Upcoming Council meetings – June will have two meetings due to Councilmembers attending the AWC conference and all August Council meetings have been canceled to allow vacation time for staff and councilmembers.

3. Agenda Setting.

The Planning Commission requested to bring back Comprehensive Plan Updates, RV code amendments workshop, dumpsters violations, and sign code violations under Old Business.

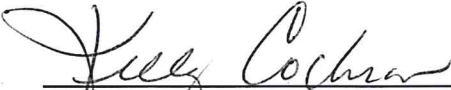
10. ADJOURNMENT.

Co-Chair Craig made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Rule.

Motion passed (6-0).

Chair Cochran adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

ATTEST:



Kelly Cochran, Commission Chair



Danielle Charchenko, Planning Commission Secretary