

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
July 23, 2020**

Public Hearing and Work Session

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The virtual meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission  
3 Chair, Kelvin Barton at 6:31 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Kelvin Barton, Robert Bartel, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Stephen Jackson,  
6 Dominic Mocerri, Jon Maberry, Natalie McClendon

7 **Absent:** Kimberley Lund

8 **Staff Present:** Amy Keenan, Mark Personius, Nick Smith, Cliff Strong, Ashley Ubil,

9 **Department Update**

10 Mark Personius, Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS), reviewed the  
11 schedule of items for the next few Planning Commission meetings. He asked if  
12 Commissioners would be agreeable to starting the August 13<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing at 6  
13 p.m., to accommodate the likelihood of extensive public comment. The Commission  
14 agreed.

15 Mr. Personius also reported that Eddy Ury and Jeff Chalfant requested until August 3<sup>rd</sup>  
16 to present a mutually agreeable definition for "value added processing."

17 **Open Session Public Comment**

18 There was no public comment.

19 **Commissioner Comments**

20 There were no commissioner comments.

21 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

22 **Timestamp: 10:09**

23 The following corrections were requested for the meeting minutes from October 10,  
24 2019:

25 Commissioner Maberry requested changing "production as opposed to  
26 consumption" to consumption as opposed to production" on page 4, lines 8 and 9.

27 Commissioner Deshmane requested "Greek Model" be replaced with "GREET Model"  
28 throughout the document.

29 **Timestamp: 14:26**

30 **Commissioner Maberry moved** to approve the meeting minutes from October 10,  
31 2019, as amended.

32 **Commissioner Mocerri seconded.**

33 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Maberry,**  
34 **Mocerri; Abstain-McClendon; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-1). The motion carried.**

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1 **Miscellaneous Code Amendments 2019**

2 **Timestamp: 20:47**

3 Cliff Strong, Senior Planner in PDS, went through the miscellaneous code amendments  
4 for Planning Commission review and approval, and invited commissioners to ask  
5 questions. PDS staff Amy Keenan, Senior Planner, and Nick Smith, Permit Specialist,  
6 provided support in answering commissioner questions.

7 Commissioner Mocerri noted that the year and the names of the Council Chair and the  
8 County Executive need to be updated on pages four and five of the Ordinance. Staff  
9 confirmed that they will address this prior to submission to County Council.

10 **Public Hearing**

11 **Timestamp: 1:24:44**

12 John Meenk provided public comment.

13 **Timestamp: 1:27:46**

14 **Commissioner Deshmane moved** to adopt proposed changes and findings of fact for  
15 *PLN2019-00006 Miscellaneous Code amendments 2019.*

16 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

17 **Timestamp: 1:28:41**

18 **Commissioner Maberry moved** to amend, removing items 9 and 10.

19 The motion to amend failed for lack of a second.

20 Commissioners voted on the original motion.

21 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Maberry,**  
22 **McClendon, Mocerri; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

23 Commissioners verified that the intent of the motion was to include approval of the  
24 Findings of Facts and to move the entire proposal to County Council.

25 **Adjournment**

26 **Timestamp: 1:31:46**

27 The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

28 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

29 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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Kelvin Barton, Chair

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Tammy Axlund, Secretary