



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
September 9, 2021

Public Hearing and Work Session

1

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, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Stephen Jackson, Kimberley
6 Lund, Dominic Mocerri, Jon Maberry, Natalie McClendon

7 **Absent:** Robert Bartel

8 **Staff Present:** Matt Aamot, Amy Keenan, Rusty Noble, Cliff Strong, Charles Sullivan,
9 and Tammy Axlund

10 **Open Session Public Comment**

11 The following individuals provided public comment:

Rainbow Medicine-Walker

Joshua Rutherford

Mark Ambler

Jeremy Moberg

Todd Baker

12 **Commissioner Comments**

13 Commissioner Deshmane asked staff to report back to the Commission on the
14 comment regarding the odor profile of hemp being identical to marijuana.

15 Commissioner McClendon reported that the Public Participation Work Group continues
16 to meet and is preparing to put out a simple questionnaire to the public. Consideration
17 is being given with regard to the information they will report back to County Council.
18 She invited Commissioners to contact her if interested in receiving more information.

19 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

20 **Timestamp: 10:01**

21 **Commissioner McClendon moved** to approve the meeting minutes from July 22,
22 2021.

23 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

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

26 **Six-Year Capital Improvement Program**

27 **Timestamp: 31:41**

28 Matt Aamot, Planning and Development Services (PDS) Senior Planner, provided a
29 brief overview of the CIP amendments and staff's recommendation. He then turned it
30 over to Rusty Noble of County Facilities to answer questions.

31 In response to Commissioner's questions, Mr. Noble explained what prompted this
32 amendment.



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
September 9, 2021

Public Hearing and Work Session

2

11 **Public Hearing**

12 **Timestamp: 35:59**

13 There were no public comments relating to CIP. Eliza Steele, who had technical
14 difficulty raising her hand before the open public comment session closed, was allowed
15 to provide open comment on the marijuana issue.

16 **Timestamp: 41:20**

17 **Commissioner McClendon moved** to approve the Capital Improvement Program
18 amendments as proposed.

19 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

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

22 **Marijuana Code Amendments Policy Discussion and Work Session**

23 **Timestamp: 43:13**

24 Commissioners agreed by consensus to entertain additional public comment after the
25 policy discussion, using the regular format for open public comment which allows for
26 three minutes each.

27 Cliff Strong introduced the topic, outlined the plan for the next couple of meetings, and
28 introduced PDS Current Planning Division staff, Charles Sullivan and Amy Keenan.

29 Commissioners discussed the policy questions presented in the meeting materials and
30 PDS staff responded to questions.

31 **Timestamp: 1:59:46**

32 The Chair opened the floor for further comments from the public, related to this topic.
33 The following individuals provided public comment:

Susan Windnagel

Todd Baker

Mark Ambler

Eliza Steele

Joshua Rutherford

34 **Adjournment**

35 The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

36 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

37 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

38

39 _____
Kelvin Barton, Chair

Tammy Axlund, Secretary