

**CITY OF MONROE  
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES  
Monday, March 25, 2019**

The special meeting of the Monroe Planning Commission was held on **Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the City Hall Council Chambers at 806 West Main Street, Monroe, WA 98272.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chair Tuttle** called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Planning Commission Secretary Leigh Anne Barr** called the roll.

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Tuttle, Vice-Chair Bull, Commissioner Rousey, Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Stanger, Commissioner Fisher and Commissioner Silva.

**Staff Present:** Principal Planner Shana Restall and Secretary Leigh Anne Barr.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

NONE

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Bull made a motion to accept the minutes of February 25, 2019 as written. Motion seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Motion carried 7/0.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept the minutes of March 11, 2019 as amended. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva. Motion carried 7/0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**1. Unified Development Regulations**

Chair Tuttle stated that the public testimony portion of the public hearing was left open at the previous two Planning Commission meeting.

**Public Testimony**

**Devendra Maharaj**

Bellevue, WA

Mr. Maharaj thanked the Commission for addressing the concerns from Verizon in the newest draft wireless facilities chapter.

Commissioner Stanger made a motion to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bull. Motion carried 7/0.

Principal Planner Shana Restall announced that the City's has received the comments back from the State. The Department of Ecology was concerned that the critical areas code but they agreed to address their concerns with the Shoreline Master Program and not hold up the UDR.

WSDOT also had a comment that was able to be resolved via email. Principal Planner Restall noted that expedited review had been granted so the comment period is not officially closed.

Principal Planner Restall explained that all the new chapters were changed from the current chapter 21 to chapter 22. The City will repeal current chapters 17-21 and adopt the new chapter 22 to eliminate any confusion. The definitions were also updated to reflect current terminology and to clarify citizen concerns. Principal Planner Restall also reminded Commissioners that every chapter has been discussed by the Planning Commission at least once and some chapters up to seven times.

Commissioner Rousey made a motion to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Fisher. Motion carried 7/0.

Commissioner Jensen moved that the Planning Commission adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in Attachment 2 to the Planning Commission agenda bill, authorize the Planning Commission Chair to sign the Findings on behalf of the Commission, and recommend that the Monroe City Council approve the proposed amendments to Monroe Municipal Code Titles 17 through 21. Motion seconded by Commissioner Bull. Motion carried 7/0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

NONE

#### **DISCUSSION BY COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

Principal Planner Restall thanked the Commissioners for all their work on the UDR update.

Commissioner Stanger gave a Parks Board update. Wiggly Field received a fence upgrade project, the Rotary synthetic fields were reconditioned and Western Washington University students are working a study of connectivity. There was also a RFP put out for food service concessioners at Sky River and Lake Tye and the play equipment at the Lewis Street Park will be replaced. There were 11 Heritage Tree submittals and all 11 were approved. Commissioner Stanger reported that the City of Monroe has received the Tree City USA award.

Commissioner Jensen asked if East Monroe has gone to City Council yet. Principal Planner Restall informed that the first reading took place at the last Council meeting and it would be coming back for second reading on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Fisher announced that he and Chair Tuttle are serving on the Homeless Policy Advisory Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Stanger made a motion to adjourn at 7:47pm. Motion seconded by Commissioner Silva. Motion carried 7/0.

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Bridgette Tuttle  
*Chair*

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Leigh Anne Barr  
*Planning Commission Secretary*

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