



MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Monday, June 28, 2021, 7:00 PM
Zoom Online Meeting Platform

Chair
Jay Bull

Commissioners
Bridgette Tuttle, Vice Chair;
Kyle Fisher; Elly Britt;
Dionne Miller, Liz Nugent;
& Mike Stanger

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bull called the meeting to order at 7:04pm

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Vice Chair Bridgette Tuttle, Commissioner Dionne Miller, Commissioner Liz Nugent, Commissioner Michael Stanger, Chair Jay Bull, and Commissioner Elly Britt

EXCUSED: Commissioner Kyle Fisher

STAFF PRESENT: Permit Technician Leigh Anne Barr, Principal Planner Shana Restall, Community Development Director Ben Swanson, and Senior Planner Anita Marrero

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Balk
517 Circle Dr
President of the East County Chapter of Housing Hope

Mr. Balk emphasized how important housing like the Housing Hope Apartments shown on the front of the HAP are. Mr. Balk also emphasized the need for special needs housing, implementing the multi family tax exemption program and requiring 20% low income housing be included on any development of City owned property.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. June 14, 2021

Commissioner Elly Britt moved to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2021 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael Stanger. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

5.1. Public Hearing - Draft Housing Action Plan (HAP) - Anita Marrero

Chair Bull opened the public hearing at 7:06pm.

Senior Planner Anita Marrero gave a presentation on the Housing Action Plan (HAP) including the background of the creation of the plan and a summary of each of the sections included in the plan.

Chair Tuttle joined the meeting at 7:11pm, then exited and rejoined at 7:17pm.

The Commissioners discussed the section regarding utility hook up fee reductions and the sustainability of the program. Staff suggested changes to the text that better matches the purpose of the higher level policy document.

Commissioner Michael Stanger moved to open the public testimony portion of the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elly Britt. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Elly Britt moved to close the public testimony portion of the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michael Stanger. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Liz Nugent moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Elly Britt. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Michael Stanger moved to direct staff to draft Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law recommending that the Monroe City Council approve the proposed Housing Action Plan with the changes of striking the percentage of subsidy and striking the zone. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Bridgette Tuttle. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Revisions to the Planning Commission's Rules of Procedures to Allow for Remote Participation - Leigh Anne Barr

Planning Commission Secretary Leigh Anne Barr presented the updates that were made to the Planning Commission Rules of Procedures to allow for remote participation.

Vice Chair Bridgette Tuttle moved that the Planning Commission adopt the Monroe Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, and authorize the Planning Commission Chair to sign the Rules of Procedure on behalf of the Commission as read by Secretary Barr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Liz Nugent. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

8. DISCUSSION BY COMMISISONERS & STAFF

Commissioner Stanger commented on the progress on the Lake Tye synthetic turf fields.

Senior Planner Marrero announced the Community Development department will have a booth at National Night Out and asked for ideas on what to present.

Commissioner Tuttle is happy to see city parks being used to reconnect the community with Juneteenth and the Pride events. Commissioner Tuttle also thanked the City for their partnerships for cooling centers and their responsiveness on the website.

Director Swanson discussed Snohomish County's buildable lands analysis.

Commissioner Britt is excited to see the new development on the north hill and noted that the Imagine Monroe survey has been going around social media.

Commissioner Miller thanked Senior Planner Marrero for her work on the HAP.

Commissioner Nugent gave an Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) update.

Secretary Barr noted that hybrid Planning Commission meetings are scheduled to start in August.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Elly Britt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dionne Miller. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

Jay Bull

Jay Bull (Aug 5, 2021 11:36 PDT)

Chair, Jay Bull

Leigh Anne Barr

Planning Commission Secretary, Leigh Anne Barr

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