

Planning Commission Minutes

Approved 6/6/23
Attest by S. Weaver

Springfield Planning Commission Minutes for Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 Work & Regular Session

Meeting held in Jesse Maine Conference Room and via Zoom

Vice Chair Bergen called the Work Session of the Planning Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Bergen, Andrew Buck, Seth Thompson, Steven Schmunk, Isaac Rhoads-Dey, and Alan Stout (arriving a little late to the work session)

Excused Absence: Chair Salazar

Staff: Sandy Belson, Comprehensive Planning Manager; Molly Markarian, Senior Planner; Sarah Weaver, Community Development Administrative Assistant; Kristina Kraaz, Assistant City Attorney

LCOG Staff: Jacob Callister

WORK SESSION ITEM(S)

- 1) UGB Natural Resources Project Update**
Staff: Molly Markarian, Senior Planner
45 minutes

Molly Markarian / Staff: gave a presentation on the UGB Natural Resources Project Update (see PowerPoint Presentation) and responded to Commissioner questions. Commissioners voiced support for using the “standard” approach for protecting locally significant wetland, riparian, and wildlife habitat sites in the UGB expansion areas as the City has done everywhere else. Protections would thus rely on Springfield’s existing regulatory framework.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:38 PM

Vice Chair Bergen called the Regular Session of the Planning Commission to order at 6:39 P.M.

Planning Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Bergen, Andrew Buck, Seth Thompson, Steven Schmunk, Isaac Rhoads-Dey, and Alan Stout

Excused Absence: Chair Salazar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Led by Vice Chair Bergen

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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – Approved

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REGULAR SESSION ITEM(S) - None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTION

Commissioner Schmunk reported on the April 3rd Council Work Session.

BUSINESS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Vice Chair Bergen explained to the new commissioners that this segment of the agenda is for the commissioners to give each other updates. If a commissioner has events of interest from their professional or volunteer lives, this segment would be the appropriate time to announce them.

BUSINESS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sandy Belson / Staff: informed the Commission that there is no meeting scheduled for May 16th. There will be a public hearing during regular session of the June 6th Planning Commission meeting. During the work session, the Planning Commission has the opportunity to discuss how strict the Commission would like to adhere to “Robert’s Rules” in holding its meetings.

An Open House for the Comprehensive Plan Map Clarification Project is taking place on Thursday at the Thurston High School Library from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Further details can be found on Springfield Oregon Speaks in the “for Planning Commissioners” section.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:48 pm