

**CITY OF SEQUIM
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
SEQUIM CIVIC CENTER
152 WEST CEDAR STREET
SEQUIM, WA
October 18, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL: PC:
Mahalick, Protze, Wiseman, Wendt, Janisse.

2. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER - Ankur Shah

Deputy City Clerk Usselman swore in Ankur Shah giving him the Oath for his duties as a Commissioner.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Rescheduled to next meeting

4. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC NOT ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

5. PUBLIC MEETINGS:

a. Proposed Ordinance 2016-15 Amending Title 18 for Wireless Communications Facilities

City Attorney Nelson-Gross stated we have discussed this issue for quite some time. Most of what we have done is pre-empted by the FCC who regulates wireless communications facilities and imposes limitations on the authority local jurisdictions have over WCFs. The City currently does not have an ordinance on WCFs and has adopted a moratorium to give staff time to draft one that complies with federal law. The moratorium expires October 25, 2016.

Hugo said on page 12 Table SMC 18.61.0301 sets out the zones, types, heights, setbacks and permit type. He commented on very minor changes made.

There was brief explanation of Section 18.61.040(2). Hugo explained the differences of permit types and whether the different types require public review or administrative review.

MOTION to recommend adoption of the proposed Wireless Communications Facilities ordinance that adds new SMC chapters 18.61 and 18.61A amends existing chapters 18.20, 18.56 and 18.57 to the City Council by Wendt; seconded by Wiseman. **Carried Unanimously.**

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. Peninsula Planners' Forum - Thursday, Bainbridge Island

Hugo provided the agenda for the Fall 2016 Peninsula Planners Forum Thursday, October 20, in Bainbridge Island. The agenda focuses on agriculture. Anyone interested in attending with Staff is welcome.

Hugo asked Ankur Shah to tell the group about himself. He grew up in Sequim since the age of 10. After high school he had several experiences most agriculturally related. He has worked with local farms here. Pedestrian and bicycle movement is also important to him.

b. Increasing need to address homeless population (Council priority)

There is increasing dialog on the Peninsula about homelessness that is a more obvious issue in communities. We have individual cases around the City that cause tension. Council feels we need more emphasis on homelessness. We have a staff work group working on this.

Nelson-Gross spoke of recent law that anti-camping ordinances are illegal if the city doesn't have a location for homeless. When we look at enforcing our codes we need to be careful about whether or not we can regulate conduct or status. We will be reviewing these issues. At some point there will be an educational work session for Council. You will be hearing about it in the next few months.

Our code enforcement officer has trouble enforcing our code due to the recent case law and has pulled back because of it. There was discussion about the issues of homelessness in Seattle.

The homelessness laws will be developing over the next few years; we are cautioned to move slowly, deliberately to create our code.

Shah asked if we know the numbers of homeless people in our area. Nelson-Gross stated there is an annual count done with the Serenity House, Point in Time. Our police have general knowledge about areas where homeless congregate in Sequim.

Shah would like to know how many have access to a vehicle. If people have access to vehicles it could change the solutions. Hugo said most do not have access to vehicles.

There was general discussion about prioritizing code compliance issues, and considerations concerning revising our code.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

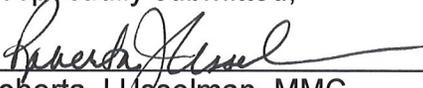
10. ADJOURNMENT

The purpose of good of the order was discussed.

Hugo advised Jaymarc will be attending the next Council meeting to talk about use of the equipment.

Hugo mentioned the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and asked for comments. Those who attended enjoyed themselves.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta J Usselman, MMC
Deputy City Clerk



Karen Mahalick
Chair