



City of Longview

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Minutes

Agenda

Planning Commission

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

7:00 PM

City Hall

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1. **ROLL CALL**

Chairman Collins called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Member Craig Collins, Member Trey Davis, Member Jeff Rauth, Member Ramona Leber, Member Joanna Lee, Member Kalei LaFave, Member Stacy Dalgarno

Absent:

Staff Present: Ken Hash, Public Works Director; Christopher Eastwood, Assistant City Attorney; Mac Kosar, Planner; Lisa Vertrees, Administrative Assistant

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

23-001281 PC Minutes of June 7, 2023

A motion was made by Member Joanna Lee, seconded by Member Kalei LaFave, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 7, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Windsor Engineering regarding crypto mining.

4. **DECLARATION OF EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND APPEARANCE OF FAIRNESS**

Waived

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None at this time.

6. **NON-PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS**

23-001282 Workshop - Cryptocurrency Mining

Mr. Kosar reviewed a PowerPoint presentation. Chairman Collins reiterated the Planning Commission is addressing the definitions of crypto currency and a data mining center.

While there was no public hearing, several interested parties spoke during the workshop:

Keith Young - provided definitions, comparing crypto currency to stock, or a transfer of fees type of transaction.

Jason Still - further insights, a means of exchange designed to be un-regulated

Travis Tormont - Windsor Engineering

Dennis Stuart - applicant; currently in pre-application for a site on Memorial Park Drive to place crypto mining pods

Planning Commission members were interested in the benefit to the City, employment opportunities, current regulations, revenue to the City, etc. Discussions centered around definitions of both crypto currency and data centers, taxes, attractive cost of power in our area.

The Planning Commission would like to hear from Cowlitz PUD at another workshop.

23-001283 Workshop - Data Centers

This topic was discussed with the crypto currency item.

23-001284 Workshop - Mini storage Ocean Beach Hwy frontage

Mr. Kosar provided a Power Point to review the topic.

Member Ramona Leber doesn't feel the Planning Commission needs to make changes in its recommendation to City Council, but provide more background information to Council.

The following persons spoke:

Larry Woods - Developer. Mr. Woods was concerned his current mini-storage project on Ocean Beach Hwy would be affected by any changes.

The Planning Commission unanimously agreed to let the current recommendation stand- go. (Amended August 2, 2023)

7. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time

8. PLANNER'S REPORT

- * Affordable Housing Workshop scheduled for the next meeting*
- * Two subdivisions need to be scheduled for public hearings*
- * An annexation request will need zoning recommendations*
- * Sunrise Village has submitted pre-civil plans, site plans*

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2023.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Collins adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Lisa Vertrees, Recorder