

Whatcom County Council Planning and Development Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

1:40 PM

Hybrid Meeting

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COUNCILMEMBERS

Tyler Byrd
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee member Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Tyler Byrd, and Kaylee Galloway

Absent: 1 - Ben Elenbaas

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2023-668](#) Resolution amending Resolution 2023-005 to docket an additional Comprehensive Plan/zoning amendment related to allowing propane reload, storage, and distribution facilities as a conditional use under certain conditions in the Agriculture District

Kershner briefed the Councilmembers and stated the code amendment needs to go to the Planning Commission first so Council would be voting today to put it on the docket for Planning Commission review.

Kershner answered questions, including whether it has to only be serving agricultural uses, and whether they should docket it as a concept or whether they docket it with a section of the code where it would be targeted.

The following people spoke:

- Tyler Schroeder, Director of Administrative Services
- Steve Roberge, Planning and Development Services

Roberge stated it is a very distinct piece of code and would affect very few properties and situations. He answered questions about potential questions that might come up about the amendment.

Galloway asked whether there is a time sensitivity to this because she would like to see it come back to the Committee of the Whole and have it be part of a broader conversation around what should be added to the docket.

Kershner stated she would ask that they move forward with this resolution now because the Planning Department has already been working with a potential applicant.

Councilmembers and staff discussed whether the docket list needs to be updated, the docketing process, how many items are still on the docket, whether they should move forward with this specific resolution, and how big of propane tanks this is talking about.

Byrd moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

Galloway stated she is fine with moving this forward but wants people to know that there will be more potential items for the docket coming down the pike, and Councilmembers discussed the process for docketed items.

Byrd's motion that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Galloway

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Ben Elenbaas-via email 10/18/2023

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

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