# WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL Planning and Development Committee

January 29, 2019

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Member Tyler Byrd called the meeting to order at 2:50 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

# **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Barbara Brenner, Tyler Byrd, and Todd Donovan

Absent: None

Also Present: Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Carol Frazey, and Satpal Sidhu

# SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. AB2019-100 2019 SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

**Donovan moved** to appoint Councilmember Byrd as Committee Chair.

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Brenner, Byrd, and Donovan (3)

Nays: None (0)

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

1. AB2019-077 DISCUSSION WITH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ABOUT POTENTIAL ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS RELATING TO THE DENSITY CREDIT PROGRAM; DISCUSSION TO INCLUDE WHICH AMENDMENTS SHOULD BE DOCKETED FOR FURTHER REVIEW

Matt Aamot, Planning and Development Services Department, submitted and read from a presentation, and gave a staff report on the six recommendations, potential docket items, and accessory dwelling units. He answered questions.

Karen Frakes, Prosecutor's Office, spoke on potential concerns about the recommendations from the Growth Management Hearings Board and answered questions.

Councilmembers and staff discussed ensuring rural agriculture land versus benefits to city amenities; requiring an owner occupied residence on lots that allow accessory dwelling units; tracking where the funds are going through a purchase of development rights (PDR) fund; and current areas that allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs).

Aamot stated he will bring this item to the Committee again in two weeks to continue discussion of possibly docketing the recommendations.

2. AB2019-020 DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE ADOPTING VARIOUS MINOR AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLES 20

(ZONING), 21 (LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS), AND 22 (LAND USE AND PROCEDURES), CORRECTIONS, **DEVELOPMENT** MAKING UPDATES, AND CLARIFICATIONS (ORDINANCE SCHEDULED FOR INTRODUCTION THIS EVENING **UNDER AB2019-018)** 

Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department, gave a staff report.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

# **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Committee Chair

Dana Brown-Davils, Goungil Clerk

Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription