



Meeting Agenda

Planning Commission

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Monday, May 15, 2017

6:30 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

Estimated time for items 1 through 5: 20 minutes

1.A ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [17-0527](#) Approval of the May 1, 2017 Olympia Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [OPC 5.1.17 draft minutes](#)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

An opportunity for the public to address the Commission regarding items related to City business, including items on the agenda. However, this does exclude items for which the Commission or Hearing Examiner has held a public hearing in the last 45 days or will hold a hearing on in the next 45 days or for quasi-judicial review items for which there can be only one public hearing.

5. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

This agenda item is also an opportunity for Commissioners to ask staff about City or Planning Commission business.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [17-0447](#) Update on Sea Level Rise Planning

Estimated time: 60 minutes

7. REPORTS

From Officers and Commissioners, and regarding relevant topics.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Opportunities for Commissioners to share Comprehensive Plan Chapter Review with other Commissioners.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Approximately 8:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Next regular Commission meeting is June 5, 2017. See 'meeting details' in Legistar for list of other meetings and events related to Commission activities.

Accommodations

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Auderer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Commissioner Burns arrived after roll call was taken.

Present: 6 - Vice Chair Mike Auderer, Commissioner Travis Burns, Commissioner Paula Ehlers, Commissioner Negheen Kamkar, Commissioner Missy Watts and Commissioner Darrell Hoppe

Excused: 3 - Chair Brian Mark, Commissioner Carole Richmond and Commissioner Rad Cunningham

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [17-0448](#) Approval of the April 17, 2017 Olympia Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Phillips announced the following:

- Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) Subcommittee will begin reviewing the proposed 2018-2023 draft CFP.
- New downtown mural mapping is now available and can be viewed at olympiawa.gov/murals.
- There may not be a May 15, 2017 meeting of the Planning Commission.
- Please try to make the June 5, 2017 meeting as a public hearing will be held.
- May 11, 2017 - Design Review Board will be reviewing Annie's Artist Flats - construction of a new building with three floors of studio and one-bedroom apartments (48 units) over one floor of retail space, lobby, and vehicular parking. Associated improvements include solid waste facilities, bike parking,

and landscaping.

- At the last Planning Commission meeting there were some questions that Senior Planner, Stacey Ray wanted to supply more information about the Action Plan. Ms. Phillips handed out the additional information to the Planning Commission via written document.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [17-0447](#) Update on Sea Level Rise Planning

Mr. Haub presented an update on sea level rise planning via a PowerPoint presentation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. (during Mr. Haub's presentation) due to an emergency closure of City Hall.

The information was postponed and referred to the Planning Commission due back on 5/15/2017

7. REPORTS

This item was not discussed due to emergency adjournment.

8. OTHER TOPICS

This item was not discussed due to emergency adjournment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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Update on Sea Level Rise Planning

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Update on Sea Level Rise Planning

Recommended Action
Information only. No action required.

Report
Issue:
Receive briefing on sea level rise planning work initiated by the City of Olympia, the Port of Olympia and LOTT Clean Water Alliance.

Staff Contact:
Andy Haub, Water Resources Director, Public Works/Water Resources, 360.753.8475

Presenter:
Andy Haub

Background and Analysis:
Downtown Olympia and its peninsula are vulnerable to flooding. Sea level rise will increase the likelihood of flooding and could threaten large portions of downtown. Implications to various public and private entities are extensive. Without action, maintaining downtown services will be challenging.

The City of Olympia has been engaged in climate change and sea level rise planning since the early 1990s. Considerable topographic, water elevation, and land use information has been generated and evaluated. The City of Olympia's Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Strategy provide support for the development of a formal Sea Level Response Plan. Based on a research review, we are currently recommending that we plan for 24 inches of sea rise by the year 2050 and 55 inches by 2100. While these projections may change, researchers indicate with 99 percent confidence that sea rise should not exceed 72 inches by 2100.

The City of Olympia, the Port and LOTT share common concerns regarding sea level rise, yet also have unique individual vulnerabilities. The planning process will take into account each party's unique vulnerabilities. The consulting firm, AECOM Technical Services, has been hired to help lead the planning effort.

Reaching agreement on the scope of the sea level rise planning process and implementing a robust public involvement plan is key to the success of the project.

At a minimum, the tasks to be completed by AECOM for this project include: public involvement, capital facility planning, environmental assessment, land use planning and identification of regulatory and financing needs. Staff will brief the Olympia City Council on the proposed scope of work and public outreach strategy on May 23, 2017.

The planning process will culminate with elected official consideration of the plan and its implementation in late 2018.

City Public Works staff will provide the Planning Commission with an overview of sea rise science, its implications to our downtown, and the approach to the planning process.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Various community groups and other agencies are engaged in climate change and sea level rise issues. The City of Olympia Comprehensive Plan and Downtown Strategy support the development of a sea level response plan. Citizens in attendance at a February 8, 2017 community meeting on sea rise voiced support for starting the planning process.

Options:

Information only.

Financial Impact:

None at this time. However, potential long-term private and public impacts are appreciable.

Attachments:

None