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Joint Meeting with Olympia Planning Commission Regarding the Shoreline Master Program

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Issues:

- Gain understanding of the Planning Commission's recommendations on the Draft Shoreline Master Program and areas of unresolved issues.
- Transmittal of documents related to Shoreline Master Program update.
- Address timeline and process for the Shoreline Master Program update.

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager's Recommendation:

Conduct the second of two joint study sessions with the Planning Commission. Seek individual and collective input from the Planning Commission regarding their recommendations on the Draft Shoreline Master Program. Review and accept the proposed SMP update schedule.

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Presenter(s):

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Cari Hornbein, Senior Planner

Olympia Planning Commission

Note: Tables and chairs will be set up Study Session style, similar to the recent budget meeting with invited guests.

Background and Analysis:

On May 1, 2012, the City Council held the first of two joint study sessions with the Olympia Planning Commission. This first meeting provided a high level introduction to the Shoreline Management Act and Shoreline Master Program update and opened up a dialogue between the City Council and Planning Commission Leadership Team regarding the update process. In addition, position statements from Planning Commissioners were transmitted to the City Council at the May 1st meeting.

This second study session will give City Council an opportunity to ask Commissioners about their recommendations in order to understand unresolved issues and alternative positions. Also to be addressed at this meeting:

1. Overview of documents including drafts of the SMP and Restoration Plan, background reports, SMP Update Guidelines, briefing papers, and complete record of Planning Commission proceedings.
2. Revised City Council SMP Process/Timeline

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Multiple stakeholders have been following the SMP process including but not limited to the Port of Olympia, Friends of the Waterfront, West Bay Neighborhood Association, Olympia Yacht Club, and shoreline property owners.

Options:

1. Accept the SMP Update process/schedule as proposed.
2. Provide guidance to staff on revisions to the proposed process/timeline.

Financial Impact:

Dependent upon level of public outreach and technical/scientific support requested.