



Planning Commission

Revised 2020 - 2021 Planning Commission Work Plan

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Title

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Recommended Action

Move to approve the revised 2020 - 2021 Planning Commission Work Plan.

Report

Issue:

Discussion of the Work Plan for the remainder of the year based on direction from the General Government Committee, and approval or modification of the attached draft.

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Background and Analysis:

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the 2020 - 2021 Work Plan on February 10, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the work plan has not yet been reviewed by the General Government Committee.

At their April 22, 2020 meeting, the General Government Committee and City staff discussed the status of 2020 work plans for all advisory committees. In light of the COVID-19 emergency, the General Government Committee is asking all advisory committees to use the month of May to revise their work plans using a three-tiered approach:

Tier 1: Any new work plan items that relate or seize on opportunities and/or learnings related to the COVID-19 emergency.

Tier 2: Any items currently on the work plan that support the City's recovery from the COVID-19 emergency

Tier 3: Any items that are critical to advancing City Council priorities, as follows:

- Homeless Response Plan/Implementation
- Regional Climate Mitigation Plan
- Transportation Master Plan
- Parks Plan
- Yelm Highway Master Plan
- SE Annexation
- Housing Options (1923)
- Fire Regionalization
- Economic Development

With input from the Planning Commission Chair and Vice-Chair, staff modified the Planning Commission's work plan to assign tiers. Staff is seeking input on these assignments, as well as suggestions for new work plan items related to the COVID-19 recovery. New work plan items should be within the scope of the Planning Commission's purview - to advise the City Council on the long range growth and development of Olympia, including changes to the City's land use policies and regulations.

Staff also created a new section for informational briefings. With fewer meetings for the remainder of the year and potential limitations on staff time, these briefings will need to be deferred so the Planning Commission can focus on higher priority items.

The revised work plan and an explanatory cover letter (prepared by the Chair following the meeting) will be forwarded to the General Government Committee for consideration at a special meeting to be held on June 10. Advisory committee chairs and staff liaisons will participate in this meeting.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Much of the work of the Planning Commission is of interest to neighborhoods and community members. There has been a lot of interest in Short Term Rentals and the Housing Options Code Amendments, and staff anticipates a high level of interest in the Shoreline Master Program Update, Capital Facilities Plan, and the Neighborhood Centers Code.

Options:

1. Approve the revised 2020-2021 Planning Commission Work Plan
2. Modify and approve the revised 2020-2021 Planning Commission Work Plan

Financial Impact:

None. This work is included in the base budget.

Attachments:

Revised Draft 2020-2021 Planning Commission Work Plan