

MINUTES
Warrenton Planning Commission
August 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Warrenton City Hall - Commission Chambers
225 S. Main
Warrenton, OR 97146

Chair Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and lead the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Chair Paul Mitchell, Ken Yuill, Lylla Gaebel (online), Christine Bridgens, Mike Moha, and Kevin Swanson (online)

Commissioners Excused: Chris Hayward

Staff Present: Planning Director Jay Blake, Engineering Technician Trisha Hayrynen, and Planning Technician Rebecca Sprengeler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Planning Commission Regular Meeting Minutes – 7.14.22
- B. Planning Commission Work Session Minutes – 7.14.22

Commissioner Yuill made the motion to approve the minutes from 7.14.22. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mitchell – aye; Yuill – aye; Gaebel – aye; Bridgens – aye; Moha – aye; Swanson – aye

Commissioner Yuill made the motion to approve the minutes from the 7.14 Work Session. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mitchell – aye; Yuill – aye; Gaebel – aye; Bridgens – aye; Moha – aye; Swanson – aye

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chair Mitchell opened the continued public hearing on variance application V-22-3. It was noted public testimony was not taken at the last meeting. Chair Mitchell called for public testimony. No one spoke in favor or opposition. Chair Mitchell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Gaebel made the motion that the request V-22-03 Variance from road standards be denied without prejudice for a future application for subdivision. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Planning Director Jay Blake noted adjoining property owners were notified. Staff supports the motion. It was noted action needed to be taken before the 120-day deadline.

Mitchell – aye; Yuill – aye; Gaebel – aye; Bridgens – aye; Moha – aye; Swanson – aye

BUSINESS ITEMS – None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Blake discussed options for psilocybin regulation in response to Ballot Measure 109. This is required by January 1. There is not enough time to get it on the November ballot. He briefly explained authorized psilocybin services and suggested regulating them the same as marijuana. Discussion followed among commissioners in opposition of psilocybin and in favor of regulations similar to marijuana and a two-year moratorium. Mr. Blake noted a moratorium would remove the city from state revenue sharing. There was brief discussion about having a joint session with the City Commission. Discussion continued about a joint work session to discuss code amendments regarding fill. Commissioner Yuill suggested hosting a well-advertised work session for psilocybin for the public to attend for information before it comes before the Planning Commission. Mr. Blake will bring back legal opinions on a two-year moratorium. Discussion followed. The general consensus was to have a work session with the City Commission before the regular meeting in October to allow research into the moratorium option.

Mr. Blake gave an update on the Economic Opportunities Analysis including renotification to the Oregon Department of Land Conservation, discussion with the Port of Astoria, and additions of food cart pod regulations. It will come back at the September meeting. Commissioner Yuill asked for the minutes from all meetings about the EOA.

Mr. Blake discussed a sample ordinance to define food carts and food pods. He wants to ensure the mobile/pop-up food carts are not blocking access or creating traffic issues by providing property owner permission and approved location(s). Discussion followed about the differences in definitions. Chair Mitchell would like the permit fee to cover the cost of staff work. Discussion continued. Mr. Blake would like to keep record of any complaints.

GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

Mr. Blake discussed options for a presentation. There are some pending projects. Permits have been issued for construction at the old Doogers restaurant. He also discussed avigation easement map updates. Rebecca Sprengeler is the new Planning Technician.

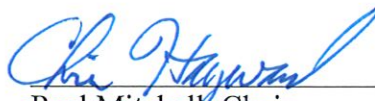
Chair Mitchell noted the mayor will be holding a chair-in-training class in October. It was noted previous attendants do not need to attend again.

There being no further business, Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:


Rebecca Sprengeler, Secretary


~~Paul Mitchell, Chair~~
Chris Hayward, Vice Chair