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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Planning and Development Committee

September 15, 2009

Committee Chair Laurie Caskey-Schreiber called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Present: Laurie Caskey-Schreiber, Bob Kelly and Carl Weimer.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Seth Fleetwood, and Sam Crawford.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2. DISCUSSION OF THE 10-YEAR UGA REVIEW PROCESS (AB2009-052)

Rebecca Craven, Council Policy Analyst, submitted and read from a handout (*on file*), gave a staff report, and explained where specific information is located in the Executive's proposal. This is in preparation of the joint public hearing with the Planning Commission scheduled for September 17, 2009.

Discussion included whether there will be discussion or questions from the councilmembers and commissioners during the public hearing; the urban growth area (UGA) schedule; whether State law allows urban growth area reserves; the County's role in facilitating the development of a capital facilities plan from a reluctant jurisdiction; how to handle a special district that may hijack the development of a capital facilities plan; whether the County must provide urban services to UGA's if they aren't annexed, and; the Executive's amended proposal for Birch Bay.

Jack Petree, Caitac, submitted information (*on file*) and stated the recommendation doesn't indicate the lands being left out on the maps. The process is troubling because it's difficult to follow and compare the maps. It's important to provide these maps. If they don't understand something, they must clarify it. This issue is illustrative of other difficulties throughout the process. It's often difficult to follow. If the councilmembers don't understand something, they shouldn't vote on it.

1. ORDINANCE AMENDING, ON AN INTERIM BASIS, THE DEFINITION OF "PARCEL" IN THE AGRICULTURE PROTECTION OVERLAY (APO) ZONE (AB2009-338)

David Stalheim, Planning and Development Services Department Director, gave a staff report.

Discussion included nominal acreage; whether clustering really protects farmland, and; whether rights-of-way are the property of the property owner or easement holder.

Weimer moved to recommend approval to the full Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Caskey-Schreiber, Kelly and Weimer (3)

Nays: None (0)

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2 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL – COMPREHENSIVE**
3 **PLAN**

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5 **1. ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
6 **AND ZONING MAP DESIGNATION FOR TWO PARCELS LOCATED AT 4813**
7 **LOOKOUT AVENUE (AB2009-339)**
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9 David Stalheim, Planning and Development Services Director, gave a staff report.

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11 ***Weimer moved*** to recommend forwarding for concurrent review to the full Council.
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13 The motion carried by the following vote:

14 ***Ayes:*** Caskey-Schreiber, Kelly and Weimer (3)

15 ***Nays:*** None (0)
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18 **OTHER BUSINESS**
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20 Rebecca Craven, Council Policy Analyst, stated the Lake Whatcom subdivision
21 application moratorium is on the Council agenda for public hearing and action tonight. She
22 asked if the Council will want a presentation.
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25 **ADJOURN**
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27 The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.
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