

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
December 10, 2020**

Work Session

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The virtual meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission
3 Chair, Kelvin Barton at 6:33 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Kelvin Barton, Robert Bartel, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Kimberley Lund,
6 Jon Maberry, Natalie McClendon, Dominic Mocerì

7 **Absent:** Stephen Jackson,

8 **Staff Present:** Ryan Ericson, Mark Personius, Cliff Strong, Tammy Axlund, and
9 Jeremy Rische (Information Technology)

10 **Department Update**

11 Mark Personius, Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS), thanked the
12 commissioners for their efforts throughout the year on the Cherry Point amendments
13 and on the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) 2020 updates. He noted that public
14 comment on the SMP update would be posted on line, similar to how we posted
15 comments for Cherry Point. Cliff Strong, Senior Planner, will continue to include the
16 Exhibit H summary in Planning Commission meeting packets and update it online.

17 Mr. Personius reported that County Council continues review of Cherry Point
18 amendments. The last Council meeting of the year was December 8, 2020, so we
19 anticipate their conversation with stakeholders will continue in January.

20 PDS is busy with Long Range Planning items and permitting activity.

21 Mr. Personius announced that 3 commissioner terms are ending at the end of January,
22 and noted that each should have received a letter from the County Executive inviting
23 them to reapply. He encouraged them to do so by the deadline of 10 a.m. on January
24 5, 2021.

25 **Open Session Public Comment**

26 **Timestamp: 06:53**

27 Pam Brady provided public comment.

28 **Commissioner Comments**

29 **Timestamp: 11:20**

30 Commissioner Mocerì expressed thanks to Commissioner Hansen for sharing
31 information on upcoming training webinars.

32 Commissioner McClendon provided an update regarding County Council's response to
33 the Planning Commission's resolution for creating a Public Participation Advisory Board.

34 Commissioner Lund stated that she would be interested in collaborating with
35 Commissioner McClendon and Council Member Byrd on a fleshed out proposal for the
36 Public Participation Advisory Board.

37 Commissioner Barton thanked the commissioners for their flexibility at the November
38 meeting, and specifically Commissioner Lund for filling in at the last minute when he

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1 stepped away from the meeting. He also stated that he took a course on
2 troubleshooting online meetings.

3 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

4 **Timestamp: 17:19**

5 **Commissioner Deshmane moved** to approve the meeting minutes from November
6 12, 2020.

7 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

8 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, Maberry,**
9 **McClendon, Mocer; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

10 Commissioners requested the following amendments to the meeting minutes for
11 October and November of 2019, and January 16, 2020:

- 12 • The word "virtual" removed from the first line,
- 13 • The subtitle, "Public Comment" changed to "Open Session Public Comment" and
14 public comment noted, when there was any.
- 15 • A footnote added to address why the minutes do not state how each
16 commissioner voted on each motion.

17 Staff agreed to make these revisions.

18 **Timestamp: 22:43**

19 **Commissioner Deshmane moved** to approve the meeting minutes from November
20 14, 2019 (as amended).

21 **Commissioner McClendon seconded.**

22 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Lund, Maberry, McClendon,**
23 **Mocer; Abstain- Hansen; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-1). The motion carried.**

24 **Timestamp: 24:03**

25 **Commissioner McClendon moved** to approve the meeting minutes from December
26 12, 2019, as amended.

27 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

28 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Lund, Maberry, McClendon,**
29 **Mocer; Abstain- Hansen; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-1). The motion carried.**

30 **Timestamp: 25:28**

31 **Commissioner McClendon moved** to approve the meeting minutes from January 16,
32 2020, as amended.

33 **Commissioner Deshmane seconded.**

34 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Lund, Maberry, McClendon,**
35 **Mocer; Abstain- Hansen; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-1). The motion carried.**

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1 Commissioner Lund expressed her thanks to Tammy for the work to catch up on the
2 older minutes.

3 **Shoreline Management Plan Update**

4 **Timestamp: 27:45**

5 Cliff Strong, PDS Senior Planner, summarized where the commission left off at the last
6 meeting, and led a brief discussion about Chapter 11. The group addressed the
7 comments made by Pam Brady.

8 **Timestamp: 37:59**

9 **Commissioner Maberry moved** to replace "conformance" with "consistency" in 11JJ-
10 1. (This was previously 11TT-1).

11 **Commissioner Deshmane seconded.**

12 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Lund, Maberry, McClendon,**
13 **Moceri; Abstain- Hansen; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-1). The motion carried.**

14 The Commission invited Karlee Deatherage of RE Sources to discuss the
15 recommendations they submitted. Commissioners asked staff to work with RE Sources
16 to bring back an alternative policy proposal for 11.A.8, which would not affect lot lines.

17 **Timestamp: 56:34**

18 **Commissioner Maberry moved** to approve Chapter 11 for public review, while
19 reserving the right for commissioners to reconsider based on any additional
20 information or public comment.

21 **Commissioner Deshmane seconded.**

22 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen , Lund, Maberry,**
23 **McClendon, Moceri; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

24 Mr. Strong introduced items for discussion in Chapter 8.

25 **Timestamp: 1:04:54**

26 **Commissioner Maberry moved** to remove "and flexibility" and add "and" before
27 "effectiveness" in Policy 8U-1.

28 **Commissioner Hansen seconded.**

29 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, Maberry,**
30 **McClendon, Moceri; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

31 **Timestamp: 1:08:38**

32 **Commissioner Maberry moved** to remove the language starting at the word "one" in
33 line 6, through the sentence ending in "aware." from the section called "Reducing Land
34 Use Impacts."

35 **Commissioner Deshmane seconded.**

36 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, Maberry,**
37 **McClendon, Moceri; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

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1 **Timestamp: 1:15:14**

2 **Commissioner Maberry moved to remove Policy 8V-3.**

3 **The motion failed due to lack of a second.**

4 **Timestamp: 1:26:58**

5 **Commissioner Barton moved to begin Policy 8V-3 with "Continue to."**

6 **Commissioner Hansen seconded.**

7 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, Maberry,**
8 **McClendon, Mocer; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

9 **Timestamp: 1:37:58**

10 **Commissioner Lund moved to change Policy 8U-2 from "consider developing" to**
11 **"develop a range of non-regulatory programs."**

12 **Commissioner Maberry seconded.**

13 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, Maberry,**
14 **McClendon, Mocer; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

15 **Timestamp 1:45:38**

16 **Commissioner Lund moved to accept Chapter 8 as amended for the purpose of**
17 **moving it to a public hearing, with the understanding that the Commission can make**
18 **revisions later.**

19 **Commissioner McClendon seconded.**

20 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, Maberry,**
21 **McClendon, Mocer; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

22 Mr. Strong introduced Exhibit D, Title 23 for consideration, and answered
23 commissioners' questions.

24 **Timestamp: 2:04:42**

25 **Commissioner Maberry moved to remove "or could" in 23.30.060 A. 1, and "with**
26 **tribal concurrence" in 23.30.060 A.4.**

27 **Commissioner Deshmane seconded.**

28 Commissioners discussed the motion and invited staff recommendations.
29 Commissioner Lund requested the motion be split. Commissioner Deshmane, who
30 seconded the initial motion, was also in favor of splitting the motion.

31 **Timestamp: 2:19:02**

32 The chair ruled to split the motion and the Commission voted on each resulting motion
33 as follows.

34 **Motion to remove "with tribal concurrence" in 23.30.060 A.4**

35 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, Maberry,**
36 **McClendon, Mocer; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

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1 **Timestamp: 2:20:33**

2 **Motion:** to remove "or could" in 23.30.060 A.1.

3 Commissioners discussed the motion and invited staff input.

4 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Maberry, Mocerri; Nays-**
5 **Hansen, Lund, McClendon (Ayes-5; Nays-3; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

6 **Timestamp: 2:30:36**

7 **Commissioner Hansen moved** to strike out the second sentence of 23.30.060 A.5.

8 **Commissioner McClendon seconded.**

9 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Lund, Maberry,**
10 **McClendon, Mocerri; (Ayes-8; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

11 Commissioner Mocerri inquired about possible removal of points 1 through 9 of
12 23.30.030 A.1. To provide a frame of reference, staff will provide examples of changes
13 resulting from the implementation of tables 2 and 3 on page 81, and removal of
14 subsequent charts.

15 The Commissioners will continue to work through Chapter 23 at the next meeting.

16 Commissioner Barton, Planning Commission Chair, reminded commissioners not to
17 create an email exchange on Commission business.

18 Commissioners concurred to adjourn.

19 **Adjournment**

20 **Timestamp: 3:06:52**

21 The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

22 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

23 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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Kelvin Barton, Chair

Tammy Axlund, Secretary