



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
September 23, 2021**

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 6:32 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

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

7 **Staff Present:** Cliff Strong, Charles Sullivan, Amy Keenan, Mark Personius, and
8 Tammy Axlund

9 **Absent:** Atul Deshmane, Stephen Jackson

10 **Department Update**

11 Mark Personius, Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS), reported that
12 the Planning Commission's recommendations for the following items are on next
13 week's County Council agenda: Capital Improvement Program amendments, battery
14 energy storage regulations, homeless facilities regulations, and continued review of the
15 Shoreline Management Plan update. He then provided an update on planned agenda
16 items for the next few Planning Commission meetings.

17 **Open Session Public Comment**

18 The following individuals provided public comment: Mark Ambler, Nick Cihlar, and
19 Joshua Rutherford

20 **Commissioner Comments**

21 Commissioner McClendon said the public participation questionnaire will go out next
22 week. She requested that commissioners share it with their social circles, in order to
23 get feedback from a broad selection of people.

24 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

25 **Timestamp: 21:08**

26 **Commissioner Maberry moved** to approve the meeting minutes from September 9,
27 2021.

28 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

29 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Hansen, Lund, Maberry, McClendon, Mocerri;**
30 **Abstain-Bartel; (Ayes-6; Nays-0; Abstain-1). The motion carried.**

31 **Proposed Marijuana Code Amendments**

32 **Timestamp: 22:20**

33 Cliff Strong, PDS Senior Planner, provided an overview of information in the agenda
34 packet, and presented new ideas proposed by staff as they continued to work on the
35 proposal between meetings. Commissioners discussed these items with staff and asked
36 clarifying questions. Commissioners asked questions of meeting attendees and invited
37 them to identify specific industry issues with the proposal.



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1 **Timestamp: 2:35:49**

2 **Commissioner Hansen moved** to change the proposed rules to allow Type 2
3 operations in Rural Industrial and Manufacturing (RIM) zones only.

4 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

5 After some discussion, **Commissioner Hansen withdrew his motion. Seconder,**
6 **Commissioner Lund agreed.**

7 **Timestamp: 2:39:21**

8 **Commissioner McClendon moved** to remove Type 2 as a permit facility type from
9 the ag zone.

10 **Commissioner Hansen seconded.**

11 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Hansen, Lund, McClendon; Nays-Maberry,**
12 **Moceri; (Ayes-5; Nays-2; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

13 Mr. Strong summarized the evening's discussion and clarified commissioner
14 expectations for the next the meeting. Staff will work on the requested items and bring
15 information back to the October 14th Planning Commission meeting.

16 **Adjournment**

17 The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

18 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

19 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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21 Kelvin Barton, Chair

Tammy Axlund, Secretary