

Community
Development



501 Delta Ave
Marysville, WA 98270

**Planning
Commission
December 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Leifer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. noting the presence of all commissioners and staff including Director Miller and Planning Tech Emily Tsan as well as some visitors.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Commission: Chair Stephen Leifer, Commissioner Gary Kemp, Commissioner Jerry Andes, Commissioner Shanon Jordan, Commissioner Zebo Zhu, Vice Chair Brandon Whitaker, Commissioner Raymond Miller

Staff: Community Development Director Haylie Miller, Planning Tech Emily Tsan

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1 Approval of November 12, 2024 minutes

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Motion to approve the November 12, 2024 minutes moved by Commissioner Jerry Andes seconded by Commissioner Gary Kemp.

AYES: ALL

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kelly Richards, Councilmember, Marysville, WA, thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work throughout the year, especially the Comprehensive Plan.

OLD BUSINESS

1 Hearing Examiner Procedures

1 Ordinance - Hearing Examiner

2 Ordinance - Board of Appeals

Director Miller reviewed this item regarding two ordinances related to hearing examiner procedures. The first ordinance would allow the Mayor to appoint more than one hearing examiner if desired in the future. The second ordinance would add a duty to the hearing examiner related to the International Building Code. It would add the Board of Appeals function to the hearing examiner which is standard practice among many cities. If an appeal to a building code matter is received it would be heard by the hearing examiner instead of a Board of Appeals.

Vice Chair Whitaker asked if the Board of Appeals is defunct. Director Miller replied that it is, but it could be re-enacted if needed. There was some discussion about the appeals process and hearing examiner responsibilities.

The public hearing was opened. Public comments were solicited.

John Ray, 3910 100th Place NE, asked about the skillset of the hearing examiner compared to the Board of Appeals panel. Director Miller discussed the responsibilities of the Board of Appeals and the hearing examiner, noting that they currently hear different kinds of cases. By replacing the Marysville Board of Appeals with the hearing examiner, the hearing examiner would just hear all of the cases. Mr. Ray suggested keeping the Board of Appeals as a way of avoiding elevating appeals to the courts.

The public hearing was closed.

Chair Leifer responded to Mr. Ray's comments and noted that the superior court option is an important option for citizens who want to appeal a decision.

Motion to recommend approval of the Hearing Examiner Procedures Code Amendments to City Council for adoption by Ordinance moved by Commissioner Zebo Zhu seconded by Commissioner Raymond Miller.

AYES: ALL

NEW BUSINESS

1 Community Development Project Update

Director Miller gave an update on Community Development projects around Marysville including the following: Shyvani Center; Heart Saved - Enhanced Services Facilities; Twin Lakes Logistics; Mack Townhomes; 67 Ave Townhomes/Cedar Homes 29; Marysville 172 Phase 1; The Rodeo Lounge; Sourdough and Co.; Dreamy Drinks; Victory Christian Center of Marysville; Northwest Escrow & Title; Punjabi Delight Indian Cuisine and Sweets; Chick-Fil-A; and Mathnasium.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Miller announced that tonight is Commissioner Zhu's last meeting. She thanked him for his service. Commissioner Zhu explained that his family is moving to Indianapolis with his new job. Other commissioners wished him well and noted he would be missed.

Director Miller thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work, especially the Comprehensive Plan this year. She wished everyone happy holidays and a nice break from meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioners wished each other Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. moved by Commissioner Jerry Andes seconded by Commissioner Shanon Jordan.

AYES: ALL

Angela Gemmer for
Laurie Hugdahl, Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING - January 14, 2025