

SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Planning Commission Joint Meeting with the Board of County Commissioners

April 23, 2024

6:00 PM – 7:07 PM

Please refer to transcript and video recording of the Planning Commission meeting for in-depth information about these meeting minutes. Meeting materials, the full transcript, meeting agenda, and referenced video recording of this meeting can be viewed at the Planning Commission Schedule and Agenda page:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningCommission/PCminutes.htm>

Summary of Meeting

Roll Call

Tim Raschko, (Chair): present

Tammy Candler, (Vice- Chair): present

Amy Hughes: present

Vincent Henley: present

Kathy Mitchell: absent

Martha Rose: absent

Jen Hutchison: present

Joe Woodmansee: present

Angela Day: present

The Planning Commission Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Comments/Announcements

Chair Tim Raschko highlighted changes to the agenda format. Suggested timeframes had been added for each agenda item and the Planning Commissioners announcements moved from last on the agenda to first on the agenda. Commissioners commented that the timeslots are helpful but Commissioner Woodmansee, Vice Chair Candler, and Chair Raschko commented that they prefer the Commissioner comments to be at the end of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Tim Raschko asked for approval of the minutes of the April 9, 2024, meeting.

Commissioner Henley motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hutchison seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by unanimous decision.

Public Remarks

Chair Raschko opened the public remarks section of the meeting and asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Commission. There were no public remarks.

Workshop – Comprehensive Plan Update and Planning Commission Schedule

Senior Planner Robby Eckroth provided an update on the Planning Commission schedule for the rest of 2024 and provided an update on the final 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update schedule. Mr. Eckroth summarized the annual work plan and emphasized that there will be a heavy workload for the rest of the year. As a result, there may be a need to schedule special meetings in addition to regularly scheduled meetings if review of the draft Comprehensive Plan Update is behind schedule.

Workshop – Guemes Island Seawater Intrusion Amendment

Mr. Eckroth provided a presentation on the Guemes Island Seawater Intrusion amendment. The amendment was reviewed last year under C23-1 as part of the 2023 Planning Docket and was remanded to be reviewed under the 2024 legislative work program. The Board of County Commissioners, by resolution, requested the Department have the amendment considered separately from the 2024 Planning Docket and to complete it by the third quarter of 2024.

The amendment only applies to Guemes Island, Skagit County's only sole source aquifer. Mr. Eckroth summarized the amendment which would require applicants to submit an application and supporting materials for review prior to drilling a well in a seawater intrusion area within a sole source aquifer. Currently, these requirements are only applicable when a development application is submitted which includes the use of a well on site. The new proposed language would require any applicant who wishes to drill a well in a sole source aquifer to submit an application, regardless of a development proposal.

The public comment period opens May 2nd, 2024, and will close May 30th, 2024, at 4:30 PM. The Planning Commission Public Hearing is scheduled for May 28th, 2024, and deliberations will be held June 11th, 2024.

Adjourned at 7:07 PM.

[A full transcript of the discussion is available on our website:](https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningCommission/PCminutes.htm)

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Tim Raschko, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Jack Moore, Secretary

Date