

	<p style="text-align: center;"> Planning Commission Meeting April 2, 2024 - 6:00 PM Special Meeting - City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES </p>
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I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Participation Information

The City of Auburn Planning Commission Meeting was held in person and virtually.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Judi Roland called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street.

A. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Commissioners present: Chair Judi Roland, Vice Chair Phillip Stephens, Julie Berry, Kent Sprague, William Stewart, and Aaron Vanderpol. Commissioner Walters arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Staff members present: Acting Planning Services Manager Alexandria Teague, Senior City Staff Attorney Doug Ruth, Senior Planner Josh Steiner, and Deputy City Clerk Rebecca Wood-Pollock.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Roland led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Redman, Auburn

Linda discussed Peace Studies and how to raise healthy children and splitting poles, South American rain forest fires, checkerboard development, species density, tree cutting, and shared concerns regarding the presence of trees in Auburn.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 5, 2024 Minutes from the Regular Planning Commission Meeting

Commissioner Stewart moved and Commissioner Sprague seconded to approve the March 5, 2024 Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 6-0

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Annual Review of Planning Commission Rules of Procedure (Teague)

The Planning Commission reviews their Rules of Procedure annually, to determine if any changes are warranted.

Acting Planning Services Manager Teague shared the current Planning Commission Rules of Procedure and asked Commissioners to bring changes to the next meeting. She stated that City staff have not identified any changes at this time and that the start time for Planning Commission Meetings will be addressed at a later date.

B. Annual Election of Officers (Teague)

Each year the Planning Commission elects a Chair and Vice-Chair to preside.

Chair Roland opened the floor to nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair seats on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Sprague moved and Commissioner Stewart seconded to retain Chair Roland in her seat as Chair.

MOTION APPROVED. 6-0

Commissioner Sprague moved and Commissioner Berry seconded to retain Vice Chair Stephens in his seat as Vice Chair.

MOTION APPROVED. 6-0

C. 2024 Comprehensive Plan (Steiner)

Presentation on the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Senior Planner Steiner shared a presentation with the Commission regarding the Land Use Element of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, including the purpose, scope, core changes, the potential implications of the proposed changes, and the next steps in the process. He also shared a presentation on the Housing Element of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, including the purpose and scope, core changes, the potential implications of the proposed changes, and the next steps in the process.

The Commission discussed State requirements, residential zoning designations and density, allowed minimums of lot density, building heights in the Downtown area, transportation routes, the Auburn GSA property, the number of residents currently working from home, the Downtown Auburn Growth map, the next steps in the

process, the timeline for the process, the Diamond Valley lot zoning, residential green space, different types of housing, parking options for different housing types, unit lot subdivisions, zoning around the Sound Transit Center, projection feasibility, and capacity analysis.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Planning Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of April, 2024.

JUDI ROLAND, CHAIR

Rebecca Wood-Pollock,
Deputy City Clerk

The City of Auburn Planning Commission is a seven member advisory body that provides recommendations to the Auburn City Council on the preparation of and amendments to land use plans and related codes such as zoning. Planning Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

Actions taken by the Planning Commission, other than approvals or amendments to the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, are not final decisions; they are in the form of recommendations to the city council which must ultimately make the final decision.