



PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Weinman called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM in the Council Chambers at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Richard Weinman, Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Tiffin Goodman, Jennifer Mechem, and Suzanne Skone were present. City staff was represented by Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director, Christina Schuck, Assistant City Attorney and Jeremy Hammar, Assistant Planner.

Absences: Chair Freidman and Commissioner Olson

APPEARANCES:

There were no appearances from the public.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Goodman moved to approve the minutes from July 15, 2015. Commissioner Skone seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved (5-0).

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: ZTR15-003: Zoning Code Text Amendment related to walk-off parking in the Town Center

An Open Record Public Hearing was held on a proposed Zoning Code Amendment modifying Mercer Island City Code (MICC) Title 19.

Jeremy Hammar, Assistant Planner provided a presentation and overview on the proposed code text amendment. Scott Greenberg, Development Services Director answered questions from the Planning Commission.

Vice Chair Weinman opened the open record public hearing at 7:36 PM.

Testimony was taken from the following speakers:

Richard Floisand, architect representing Pagliacci Pizza, 1941 1st Avenue S., Seattle, WA 98134

William Low, PO Box 24687, Seattle, WA 98124

Robert Thorpe, 2737 78th Avenue SE, Suite 100, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Matt Galvin, 423 E. Pike Street, Seattle, WA 98122

The Planning Commission discussed the proposed amendment and suggested changing "square footage" to "gross floor area" to provide clarity.

The open record public hearing was closed at 8:24 PM.

Commissioner Skone moved to recommend that the City Council approve the request for an amendment to Mercer Island City Code (MICC) Title 19.11.110, as detailed in Exhibit 1, provided that the proposal be modified by changing “square footage” to “gross floor area”.

Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

STAFF COMMENTS:

Scott Greenberg provided updates on the statuses of the following: 1) the Town Center visioning process; 2) the periodic Comprehensive Plan update process; and 3) impact fees.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

No planned absences were mentioned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Mechem mentioned that the Bellevue Planning Commission will be doing a walking tour of the Eastgate area near the Park & Ride on September 9, 2015 that is open to the public.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned 8:35 PM.