

Board of Okanogan County Commissioners
Monday, May 10, 2021 PM

JD—Jim DeTro, BOCC, District 3
AH—Andy Hover, BOCC vice-chair, District 1
CB—Chris Branch, BOCC chair, District 2
LJ—Lalena Johns-clerk to the Commissioners
PP—Pete Palmer, Director of Planning and Development
DH—Dan Higbee, Building Department

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Summary of significant discussions:

1:05:40 Public Hearing concerning Resolution 2021-4 is cancelled. Commissioners have a long discussion about how to go forward.

2:14:55 Employee in the Building Department goes from 75% to full time.

2:35:30 Commissioners adopt a six-year Capital Funding Plan with additions.

1:05:40—Public hearing on Ordinance 2021-4, an ordinance that adopted interim amendments to OCC17A.40.060, 17A.50.060, 17A.60.060 and OCC 17A.220 District Use chart.

(https://www.countywatch.org/uploads/1/1/7/4/117451109/2021-004_adopting_interim_amendments_district_chart_and_public_hearing.pdf)

PP—I realized that there wasn't any public notice put out for the hearing, so we can't have it. I was going to reschedule and AH pointed out that there's a 60 day limit. But I realized nothing had been done, so it still needs to go back to the Planning Commission.

CB—So the public hearing is cancelled. We can talk about time lines and set a future date.

Long discussion mostly between AH and CB about what the correct procedure would be. Discussed adopting an interim ordinance, sending the question back to the Planning Commission and waiting for a recommendation from that body, risk of this being called a rolling moratorium, and multi-family dwelling units.

AH—We might have to do an interim ordinance because it'll take so long to get to the zoning code. But I think it needs to be gone over with a fine tooth comb—where conditional use will be.

CB—The implication will be of leaving it in place should get researched.

2:12:50—PP—There are two other things I have to discuss today—advisory boards and the permit software.

CB—The conclusion of our discussion (about the hearing) is we're going to consider whether we need to have one or not.

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AH—By the time we get to the zone code, I'm hoping things are going smoothly, but a good interim code might be good for that section.

2:14:55—DH discusses an employee going from part-time to full time. The commissioners pass resolution 60-2021 to increase the Permit Technician position from 75% to FTE starting May 21.

2:21:05—Back to PP—I think these are going to be long discussions.

AH—Concerning the permitting software, the Building Department is on board with it. They said they can afford it. Planning Department is on board. I think we should fund it. Public Health is the big one, and we can discuss this at the Public Health meeting tomorrow.

PP—Great.

PP—Advisory Committees tomorrow, when we have more time.

2:22:25—CB—Do we need to draft a resolution for the Capital Facilities Plan?

LJ—I've already drafted one. 59-2021

2:35:30—CB—It's time for the Public Hearing on the Capital Facilities Plan.

AH—I'm doing the staff report. Here's the plan that's updated for the next six years. It's been over six years since it was update. In order to get some of our projects funded by tax dollars, they needed to be in the plan.

CB—Those taxes were identified as REET (Real Estate Excise Tax) and the rural tax dollars and sales tax.

AH—.09 in sales tax. Actual fund dollars—different sources identified for different projects.

LJ—I've received comments. I forwarded them to the board last week.

CB—Any public comments?

CB—No public comments.

AH—We've received comments from the Under Sheriff, county clerk, the clerk of the Board, Assessor and Prosecutor's Office. He mentions what funding each is asking to be added to the plan.

AH—I think these are good comments and ought to be added to the plan.

AH—There are two ways we can do this. Continue the hearing and see what it looks like with comments incorporated; or we could just adopt the document pursuant to making the changed.

CB—Are we prioritizing the projects you just mentioned?

AH—Only by date.

CB—And some of the dates and costs are estimates. I think it's probably better to go ahead and adopt it in case we need to make expenditures out of the fund. Then we can add to it if we need to.

AH—I can incorporate the changes.

CB—So the motion is to adopt it pursuant to these additions?

JD—So moved.

AH—Second.

CB—Discussion? No.

CB—We'll adopt pursuant to changes. We can even put it on the Consent Agenda if you want.

CB—There's no further business, so we're adjourned.