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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING COLUMBIA FALLS CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2019 - BEGINNING AT 6:30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Election of Chairman

Election of Vice-Chairman

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Planning Board

C. VISITOR OR PUBLIC COMMENT: (An opportunity for the Public to comment on any items not on tonight's agenda)

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ACTION: None

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Growth Policy Update Continued

The Columbia Falls Planning Board will hold its third workshop on the update of the Columbia Falls Growth Policy of which the Public is invited. The Columbia Falls Growth Policy requires a review of the document at least once every five years to determine if the goals and policies are still relevant or require updating. The Columbia Falls Growth Policy was last updated in 2013. This third workshop will focus on Chapter 3 – 6 Land Use and will provide the Public the opportunity to speak on these Growth Policy chapters. The Columbia Falls Growth Policy provides guidance, goals and policies to direct and manage the City's growth over the next five to fifteen years.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting – March 12, 2019



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Minutes

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Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - Beginning at 6:30 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vukonich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Vukonich, Shepard, Duffy, Singer, and Nelson. Stene arrived 6:38 p.m. ABSENT: Hughes, Kavanagh.

Also present were City Planner Eric Mulcahy, City Manager Susan Nicosia, and Public Works Clerk Alex Vissotzky.

Vukonich asked the Board, staff and public to join in the pledge of allegiance.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Shepard to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 regular Board Meeting, second by Nelson and the motion carried with all present voting in favor of the motion.

C. VISITOR OR PUBLIC COMMENT: (An opportunity for the Public to comment on any items not on tonight's agenda) None.

D. OLD BUSINESS: Growth Policy Chapters 1 and 2 Review

Planner Mulcahy started with a review of the December 15, 2018 meetings recommendations on the map. He briefed the Board on the Growth Policy Chapter 1 (Natural Resources). Recommendation number 7 had been completed, a recommendation was made to strike it. Mulcahy had received a comment that a section should be added addressing the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). The Board discussed the gravel resources and soils in the area. The Board analyzed the goals, recommendations, and policies; discussing specifically lighting, wetlands, and floodplains. The wording of recommendations 3, 6, and 12 were discussed and will be clarified. Public Comment: None.

Chapter 2, Growth Management, had several updates needed. Mulcahy noted that the goal was to look at long term trends as opposed to short ones. Recommendations 2,3,6, and 7 will be updated. Talbot Neighborhood has been built out. He stated a goal of examining ways to expand services would help with grant requests. There was a discussion of city services, septic systems, and the CFAC land. A goal to explore zoning of CFAC land and exploring grants for adding services will be added. The Board discussed differences in affordable housing. A goal for affordable housing will be added. Public Comment: Greg Fortin, 24 7th St W., Reported that areas of concern for him were: Seasonal wage earners have a hard time living here and affordable housing. Columbia Falls is the second fastest

growing city and the area is changing very fast. Greg was surprised not many people from the public showed up. A short discussion on public involvement followed.

Nicosia noted that Board Chairman Vukonich skipped over the officer elections on the agenda so it will be added to the February 12th agenda.

E. ADJOURNMENT – Adjourned at 8:15 PM, motion by Duffy with a second by Shepard.

Chairman

Attest: Public Works Clerk