



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

City Hall Community Room
10501 SE Main Street
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April 9, 2024

Present: Jacob Sherman, Chair
Aaron Carpenter
Joseph Edge
Tina Fuenmayor
Will Mulhern

Staff: Brett Kelter, Senior Planner
Vera Kolias, Senior Planner
Laura Weigel, Planning Manager

Absent: Joshua Freeman, Vice Chair
Amy Erdt

(00:00:05)

1.0 Call to Order — Procedural Matters*

Chair Sherman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., read the conduct of meeting format into the record, and Native Lands Acknowledgment.

Note: The information presented constitutes summarized minutes only. The meeting video is available by clicking the Video link at <http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/meetings>.

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2.0 Planning Commission Minutes

The February 27, 2024, and March 12, 2024 minutes were approved as presented.

(00:01:37)

3.0 Information Items

Planning Manager, Laura Weigel updated the commission about the new police chief being sworn in, as well as the departure of Ann Ober, Milwaukie's former City Manager. **Weigel** mentioned that Emma Sagor is currently the Acting City Manager until the position is filled.

(00:02:31)

4.0 Audience Participation

No information was presented for this portion of the meeting.

(00:02:55)

5.0 Community Involvement Advisory Committee (CIAC)

Weigel let the commission know that staff is working on an update regarding the role of the CIAC.

(00:04:17)

6.0 Hearing Items

(00:04:21)

6.1 ZA-2023-006 Title 17 Code Amendments

Senior Planner, Vera Koliass, announced the applicable sections of the Milwaukie Municipal Code (MMC): MMC 19.902, MMC 19.1008. **Koliass** presented the staff report via a power point presentation. Both are included in the meeting packet.

Chair Sherman closed the public testimony.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Joseph Edge spoke to the importance of ensuring the amendments are clear and objective to comply with state law, **Edge** followed up by saying staff has done a great job and supports approving the proposed amendments as presented.

Commissioner Aaron Carpenter agreed with **Edge**. **Chair Sherman** asked if **Edge** suggest they strike out 17.12.040.C.3 section of the proposal.

Edge motioned to approve ZA-2023-006 with the amendment to strike out 17.12.040.C.3.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a 5-0 vote.

(00:26:30)

7.0 Work Session Items

(00:26:32)

7.1 Natural Resources Code Amendments

Senior Planner, Brett Kolver presented the proposed code amendments. **Chair Sherman** commented on streamlining the language and the application process for natural resources and tree code. **Chair Sherman** asked a clarifying question regarding aligning the natural resources code with the tree code. **Kolver** explained that they are moving towards that, but that the natural resources code has additional goals. **Chair Sherman** spoke on the need for a clear and objective framework to benefit the public. **Edge** spoke to statewide land use planning Goals 5 & 6 and how they relate to state land use goals. **Edge** agreed to send detailed notes to **Kolver** which will be shared at the next natural resources discussion. **Edge** expressed the need for a breakdown of percentages regarding where the city's tree canopy comes from (i.e., what percentage is within designated natural resource areas). **Edge** spoke to the importance of conservation and preserving native habitat vs reaching canopy goals where that canopy may include invasive species. **Weigel** spoke to creating a process that the public can understand. **Edge** asked about separating the natural resources review from the tree code review based on zoning. **Commissioner Will Mulhern** spoke on why the canopy goal is in place, the impact of a tree canopy based on location, and what benefits specific tree canopies provide. **Chair Sherman** referenced the zoning map and noted clear delineating lines regarding habitat conservation areas.

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8.0 Planning Department/Planning Commission Other Business/Updates

Edge let the commission know that the Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee meeting had been canceled this month and that there had been a fatal pedestrian / vehicle collision earlier in the day. **Chair Sherman** brought up the idea of adding traffic cameras to Hwy 224 and 99E. **Edge** spoke about advocating for extending medians. **Commissioner Tina Fuenmayor** discussed how future property development near the Hwy can help integrate traffic regulations.

(01:45:49)

9.0 Forecast for Future Meetings

April 23, 2024,	Hearing Item:	No items at this time
May 14, 2024,	Work Session:	Draft TSP Goals and Policies CIAC Update

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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