



# PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

Council Chambers – 1300 First Street

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

**Commissioners Present:** Mike Brown, Judi Lohr, John Mendoza, Bryan Gish, Jeff Bordin, Stephanie Johannesen

**Commissioners Absent:** Janell Martin; excused.

**Others:** Mayor/Administrator Springer and Councilmember Darcy

Vice-Chair Lohr motioned to approve the Agenda, Commissioner Bordin seconded.

Commissioner Bordin motioned to approve Meeting Minutes from February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, meeting, Commissioner Mendoza seconded. Motion passed.

## 2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. **GHCOG Executive Director, Vicki Cummings** – Comprehensive Planning and REET Funds - Vicki gives background on what she does for Grays Harbor Council of Governments. With planning they usually do this on a regional scale, but they step in to help with cities. As she reviewed our Comprehensive Plan, she stated that it is 75% out of date, but the building blocks are there. Encourages accepting the drafted plan we have that was never adopted after final drafting. She also gives further information on REET funds and how these funds can be moved and what specifically they can be used for within a city.

**Discussion:** Chair Mike questioned if the Critical areas are still the focus within the plan to get updated first as well as Commissioner Johannesen asking for clarification on whether the Planning Commission should be focusing on this update or not. Mayor Springer and Vicki Cummings informed that specialists will be hired to do the data gathering, but the Planning Commission should be gathering ideas, needed work and/or upgrades, and vision for the city in the next 5–10-year span to add to this plan. It will be updated in segments, not a full plan re-write at once. Vice-Chair Lohr states the board needs/wants something in writing from our CPA/Attorney in support of the REET funds being moved and used for the Municipal Building Debt. Councilmember Darcy gives information on the process of REET funds being used together with the Comprehensive Plan. Further discussion into the importance of paying off current debt to create fluidity as this is an important piece that funders look at within city funds when awarding grants.

### **3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Adoption of previously drafted Comprehensive Plan** – Commissioner Bordin moves to Adopt the previously drafted Comprehensive Plan to be Submitted to Council for vote.  
Commissioner Johannesen seconded.  
No discussion  
Motioned carried.

**Discussion:** Further discussion into other plans within the city that are pieces of the Comprehensive Plan. Two main documents discussed were the 6-year TIP and the Stormwater Management Plan.

**Commissioner Johannesen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Vice-Chair Lohr seconded. Meeting Adjourned at 7:02PM**