



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR VIDEO MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Hubbell at 6:01pm from a remote location.

PRESENT

Chair Daniel Hubbell
Commissioner Carolyn Boatsman
Commissioner Tiffin Goodman
Commissioner Michael Murphy
Commissioner Ted Weinberg
All Commissioners participated in the meeting remotely.

ABSENT

All commissioners were present.

STAFF PRESENT

Alison Van Gorp, Deputy CPD Director and Andrea Larson, Sr. Administrative Assistant participated in the meeting remotely.

APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

PUBLIC HEARING

Agenda Item #1 Public Hearing for ZTR19-004 Wireless Code Update

Chair Hubble opened the Public Hearing at 6:05pm

There were no public comments.

Chair Hubble closed the Public Hearing at 6:05pm

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda Item #1: Minutes

Moved by Weinberg; Seconded by Murphy to:

Approve the April 21, 2021 minutes.

Moved by Boatsman; Seconded by Weinberg to:

Amend the minutes to add a bullet point under the summary of discussion for ZTR21-004 stating:

Consider removing or revising 19.21.C to avoid conflating small wireless installations with new street lighting in neighborhoods.

Passed 5-0

Passed as amended 5-0

Agenda Item #2: ZTR19-004 Wireless Code Update

Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director, gave a brief presentation to the Commission on ZTR19-004 – Wireless Code Update.

The Commission discussed the draft code and asked clarifying questions.

Moved by MM; Seconded by TG to:

Approve the drafted code amendment for ZTR19-004 – Wireless Code Update.

Moved by Boatsman; seconded by Weinberg to:

Add the word “noise” to the 5th Whereas in-between “visual blight and interference”.

Passed 5-0

Moved by Boatsman; seconded by Weinberg to:

Remove 19.06.070.C

Fail 1-4

Moved by Boatsman; seconded by Weinberg to:

Delete the first 3 sentences of 19.06.075.A.2 and replace with:

Noiseless small wireless facilities are required if feasible. If noiseless facilities are not feasible then the facility with the lowest noise profile is required.

Pass 5-0

Moved by Weinberg; seconded by Goodman to:

19.06.070 add a new C stating:

Hollow poles that can conceal equipment and appurtenances are preferred.

Passed 5-0

Moved by Boatsman; seconded by Weinberg to:

Change 19.06.070.D reads as follows:

Replacement Utility Pole – Street light Standard. With the express permission with the City, a street light standard may be installed to support a new small wireless facility. The design of the street light standard shall be in accordance with the City street light requirements in effect at the time. Wherever feasible, all equipment and cabling shall be internal to the replacement street lighting standard or concealed through the design and implementation of a concealment plan.

Passed 5-0

Main motion passed as amended 5-0

Agenda Item #3: ZTR19-003 Sign Code Update

Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director, gave a brief presentation to the Commission on process for ZTR19-002 – Sign Code Update.

Daniel Kenny, Attorney, gave a brief presentation to the Commission on updating the sign code to comply with Reed v. Gilbert.

The Commission provided feedback to staff on the scoping of this code amendment including:

- What are the areas of the code that may have existing problems we should look at? example: monument signs in neighborhoods.
- look into the dark skies initiative for guidance on lighting/lighted signs
- Make sure the new Commissioners are able to access the presentation on the Reed v. Gilbert and sign code.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deputy Director's Report

Andrea Larson, Sr. Administrative Assistant, gave a brief update to the Commission on status of the annual recruitment process for Boards & Commission, and a look forward at election of Chair/ Vice Chair and Planning Commission bylaws.

Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director, gave a brief update on the Commission on the work plan for the Summer and Fall.

Planned Absences

Commissioner Goodman may be absent for the July meeting.

Next Scheduled Meeting: June 16, 2021

Announcements & Communications

There were no announcements & communications.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:23pm