

DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF STEVENSON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 3, 2025
6:00 PM, City Hall and Remote

Attending:

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor Scott Anderson; Councilmembers David Cox, Michael Johnson, Chuck Oldfield, Pat Rice, Lucy Lauser

CITY STAFF:

City Attorney Robert Muth

GUESTS:

Elizabeth McIntyre, Law, Lyman, Daniel, Kamerrer & Bogdanovich, PS

PUBLIC ATTENDEES:

Richard VanRiper, Laci Miller, Lisa Cantrell-Miller, Stevenson, WA & Jeff Breckel, Anne Keese, Stevenson Planning Commission

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council convened into Executive Session at 5:47 p.m. under **RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)** to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to enforcement actions or potential litigation, where public knowledge of the discussion could result in adverse legal or financial consequences to the agency.

Executive Session lasted for 24 minutes. Upon return to regular session, Council acknowledged that the consultant would proceed as discussed.

3. Resolution 2025-____-Personnel Policy - Discussion was held regarding updates to the Personnel Policy. It was agreed that further review would occur on April 17, 2025.

Motion: **Councilmember Lauser** moved to adopt Resolution 2025-____; Councilmember **Oldfield** seconded.

Vote: Ayes – **Lauser, Oldfield**; Nays – **Cox, Rice, Johnson**

Motion failed.

4. PUBLIC HEARING – REZONE APPLICATION (R2 to R3, Lasher Street)

Appearance of Fairness Doctrine

Emily Gilmer administered the Appearance of Fairness Doctrine. Council members were asked to disclose any conflicts of interest, including financial interest in the outcome, ex parte communications, or other biases.

Councilmember **Lucy Lauser** disclosed that she resides within 300 feet of the subject property. No ex parte communications or financial conflicts were reported by any Councilmembers. There were no challenges from the applicant or public regarding the Council's ability to hear the matter fairly.

Staff Presentation

Community Development Director **Ben Shumaker** presented the application to rezone a parcel from R2 (Single Family Residential) to R3 (Multifamily Residential). The subject parcel is located off Lasher Street and is currently the only lot in the area not zoned R3.

Applicant Presentation

The applicant, Brian McKenzie, presented the proposed rezone and answered Council questions.

Public Comment

In Favor: None

Opposed: Rick VanRiper and Laci Miller, Stevenson, WA

Council Questions & Discussion

Councilmember **Rice** asked about the size of the lot, whether a geotechnical report had been completed, and how future development would incorporate neighborhood input.

Councilmember **Oldfield** questioned why this lot had not previously been zoned R3 and inquired about access considerations.

Emily Gilmer clarified legal matters related to parcel identification and potential civil issues in the case of legal description changes.

Motion: Councilmember **Johnson** moved to approve the rezone; Councilmember **Lauser** seconded.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT - Mayor **Anderson** adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm