

**Planning Commission Meeting - Public Hearing part 1  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

**Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rutherford convened the meeting at 6:00PM.

**PRESENT**

Commissioner William Bennett II  
Commissioner Adam Carney  
Commissioner Matthew Rounsley  
Commissioner William Rutherford  
Commissioner Valerie Roberts

**HOUSEKEEPING**

1. Agenda Approval

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Carney, Seconded by Commissioner Rounsley.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Bennett II, Commissioner Carney, Commissioner Rounsley,  
Commissioner Rutherford, Commissioner Roberts.

Motion passes 5/0.

2. Meeting Minutes Approval

**Recommended Action:** Motion to approve 08/13/2025 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Rounsley, Seconded by Commissioner Carney.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Bennett II, Commissioner Carney, Commissioner Rounsley,  
Commissioner Rutherford, Commissioner Roberts.

Motion passes 5/0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Watterson swore in new Commissioner Roberts for Position Number 5.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Chair Rutherford called to order the Public Hearing at 6:30PM.

3. Tenino Comprehensive Plan

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**Recommended Action:**

Recommendation to Council for motion to approve.

OR

Recommendation to Council for motion to deny.

OR

Direct staff to revise the Plan and come back at the next meeting for discussion and consideration.

Commissioner Rutherford opened the Public Hearing period on the Tenino Comprehensive Plan at 6:30PM.

City Planner Malissa Paulsen briefed the Planning Commission and audience on the presentation. The two new elements: Economic Development and climate and edits to the existing elements to meet new state requirements. Housing and Land use.

The floor was then opened to the public: Jennifer Colvin with Colvin Ranch 16816 Old Hwy 99 SE: Colvin ranch is located just outside of town near the Ag Business Park. Thank you for holding this public hearing for this comprehensive plan. I had a chance today to review the plan. One of the things that was notable to me was the mention in multiple spots the potential of expansion in Tenino's Urban Growth Area. One thing I would encourage the Planning Commission to do is look at more opportunities for infill development within the existing boundaries of the UGA, I think there are a lot of business opportunities for the City of Tenino to meet it's goals around smart development, livability, quality of life and economic impact by looking at more infill development rather than necessarily looking at expanding the UGA extending development and sprawl and develop our agricultural expand that exist on our borders of the existing UGA. I just would like to encourage you to look at those options because I feel like we have a lot of opportunity for that within our existing city. Thank you so much.

No further Public comments.

Tenino Comprehensive Plan

**Recommended Action:**

Commissioners agreed to the below action:

Direct staff to revise the Plan and come back at the next meeting for discussion and consideration.

No vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Rutherford Adjourned the meeting at 7:08PM