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TUALATIN PLANNING COMMISSION -

MINUTES OF October 2, 2012

TPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Riley
Alan Aplin
Nic Herriges
Bill Beers
Jeff DeHaan

STAFF PRESENT:

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich
Colin Cortes
Lynette Sanford

TPAC MEMBER ABSENT: Cameron Grile, Steve Klingerman

GUESTS: None

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Roll call was taken.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 4, 2012

Mr. Riley asked for review and approval of September 4, 2012 TPC meeting minutes. MOTION by Herriges SECONDED by Beers to approve the September 4, 2012 TPC meeting minutes. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (NOT ON THE AGENDA):

None

4. ACTION ITEMS:

A. An Ordinance Amending Medium Low Density Residential Planning District (RML) Conditional Uses; and Amending TDC 41.030 (PTA-12-04); Legislative

Colin Cortes, Associate Planner, presented the staff report which includes consideration of Plan Text Amendment 12-04 that restores the original list of conditional uses to the code that were mistakenly overwritten. PTA-09-09 overwrote the conditional uses by accidentally duplicating the list of permitted uses. TDC 41.020 listed permitted uses with the Medium Low Density (RML) Planning District, while TDC 41.030 listed conditional uses within RML. This clerical error resulted in identical lists of permitted and conditional uses. PTA-12-04 restores the distinction between permitted and conditional uses.

These minutes are not verbatim. The meeting was recorded, and copies of the recording are retained for a period of one year from the date of the meeting and are available upon request.

Staff recommends that TPC make a recommendation to the Council, and direct staff to prepare an ordinance granting approval of PTA-12-04.

The objectives of the amendment are to:

- Correct a TDC error
- Eliminate confusion about whether a use within RML is permitted or conditional
- Facilitate receipt of an anticipated application for a small-lot subdivision, which is a conditional use within RML

The goal is to eliminate TDC errors.

MOTION by Beers SECONDED by Aplin to make a recommendation to Council granting approval of PTA-12-04. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

5. **COMMUNICATION FROM CITY STAFF:**

A. Briefing Response about Tualatin in Trimet

Ms. Hurd-Ravich gave an update about transit in Tualatin and if we can withdraw from the Trimet service district. Ms. Hurd-Ravich said that it is legal, but not feasible. Four criteria have to be met. These are:

- Use of the mass transit system of the district by residents of the affected area is less than or equal to 30 percent of the system-wide average weekday boarding rides per vehicle hour
- Direct service to the affected area is not planned for at least five years
- Residents and businesses within the affected area have demonstrated that district fees and taxes have adversely affected employment, population or commercial activity within the affected area
- The district board has not received a petition signed by not less than 15 percent of the electors within the affected area seeking continuation of the district's jurisdiction over the affected area

Mr. Herriges asked if all the criteria have to be satisfied. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that all criteria have to be met. Mr. Aplin asked if we can supply supplemental service, and would it be competing with Trimet. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that funding could be an issue. Service enhancement studies are also in the works and it's important to voice our concerns about wanting more transit in the City of Tualatin. Linda Mulholt from the Chamber of Commerce and Cindy Hahn from our office are going to Washington DC to discuss this issue.

B. Update on Oregon Passenger Rail

Ms. Hurd-Ravich gave an update on the Oregon Passenger Rail. ODOT is beginning a study to improve passenger rail service between the Portland urban area and the Eugene-Springfield urban area.

Ms. Hurd-Ravich explained that since 1992, the rail route between Eugene and Vancouver, B.C. has been designated as 1 of 10 future high-speed rail corridors in the nation. In 2010, the Federal Government provided funding for studying and implementing high-speed rail along these corridors. To be eligible for federal funding to construct a high-speed rail line, the State of Oregon must conduct a passenger rail study following the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process.

As part of the process, they need to look at all of the alignments. The alignments considered in the past are the Union Pacific Rail Line (existing passenger rail route through Oregon City), The Oregon Electric Rail Line (through Tualatin, Lake Oswego, and Milwaukie), and one that follows I-5. Service characteristics the study will evaluate are the potential locations for rail stations, number of daily trips, and speed.

Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that in the study schedule timeline, the first step is to develop purpose and objectives, identify a broad range of alternatives, and develop evaluation criteria. As staff members, we will check in at these outreach points and let you know the progress. Decision making groups will include the Federal Railroad Administration, ODOT/Governor, Oregon Passenger Rail Leadership Council, Rail Industry, Corridor Forum, and Community Advisory Groups.

The funding for this project came from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) awarded \$8 billion improve high-speed rail in the United States. This study is being partially funded through an \$8.9 million grant from the federal government. Mr. DeHaan inquired about which route would go through Tualatin. Ms. Hurd-Ravich responded that the Oregon Electric Rail line would be scheduled to go through. The current WES line is also part of the Oregon Electric Rail. Mr. Riley stated that the current tracks aren't in good condition and would have to be rebuilt, while the Oregon City route is already upgraded. Ms. Hurd-Ravich will give updates in the future.

Mr. DeHaan mentioned that we should advocate for a station in the Tualatin/Wilsonville area instead of it going somewhere else. Ms. Hurd-Ravich stated that the Commission members input should be communicated to the Mayor and Council. The Commission members were all in favor that high speed rail is a positive option for Tualatin, and Mike Riley offered to present this position during public comment at the Council meeting on October 8.

6 FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:

Ms. Hurd-Ravich announced the SW Corridor Community Event. It will be held on Tuesday, October 9, from 6-8 pm at the Multnomah Arts Center. The information will be forwarded to the Commission members.

The extra TPC meeting scheduled for October 16th has been canceled. The Task Force meeting scheduled for October 4 has been postponed until November 1. The Task Force did not come to a conclusion about 65th Avenue and the Mayor wanted additional information about travel times. A brief discussion followed regarding the Transportation Summit held on September 20th.

Our next TPC meeting is scheduled for November 6. There will be an introduction to our new City Attorney, Sean Brady. The next steps for Linking Tualatin will also be discussed. For our meeting on December 4, there is no action items scheduled, but there will be an update on the Transportation System Plan and possibly a presentation from Tualatin Tomorrow. At that meeting we will schedule our meeting dates for 2013 and discuss planning projects on the horizon.

Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that the developer of the Kmart site has been in discussion with the City, but no applications have been submitted. The next phase of Marquis is coming soon.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/PLANNING COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

Mr. Riley asked the Planning Commission members if they would be interested in scheduling our upcoming TPC meetings on the third Thursday of each month instead of the first Tuesday. Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that internally, the staff has been in discussion about changing the time of the meetings to an earlier time (possibly 4-6 pm). The Commission members agreed that the third Thursday would work for them, but they wanted to continue with the 6:30 pm time. Ms. Hurd-Ravich added that the meetings would have to be held in the Police Training room since the Council Chambers is booked on Thursday evenings for court trials. The new schedule will take effect in 2013.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Herriges, SECONDED by Aplin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm.
MOTION PASSED 5-0.

_____ Lynette Sanford, Office Coordinator