

**CITY OF OREGON CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING**

March 22, 2010, 7:00 P.M.
City Commission Chambers - City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call:

Chair Tim Powell
Commissioner Dan Lajoie
Commissioner Carter Stein
Commissioner Chris Groener

Staff Present:

Tony Konkol, Senior Planner
Laura Butler, Assistant Planner
Christina Robertson Gardiner,
Associate Planner
Pete Walter, Associate Planner
Carrie Richter, Assistant City Attorney

Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA

There was no public comment on items not listed on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

February 22, 2010 Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Dan Lajoie, second by Commissioner Chris Groener to adopt the minutes of the February 22, 2010 Planning Commission minutes as written.

A roll call was taken and the motion passed with Chair Tim Powell, Commissioner Dan Lajoie, Commissioner Carter Stein, Commissioner Chris Groener voting aye.
[4:0:0]

4. PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING

L 10-01

L 10-01 Commission Report

L 10-01 Staff Report

Chair Powell asked the Commission if they had any conflict of interest to declare. There was none.

Chair Powell said they brought this topic up years ago and the Commission had a discussion about it then.

Tony Konkol, Community Development Director, said this was a proposal to reduce the number of Planning Commissioners from seven to five members. The Planning Commission had been functioning with five members for at least seven years. They had difficulty recruiting individuals to commit to the job. The City Commission had requested this change be brought forward. He entered into the record an email from Mr. O'Brien and email response from Mayor Norris as Exhibits 1 and 2. This proposal had to be consistent with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and staff thought it did not conflict with these. Notice had been given to the Citizen Involvement Council and Neighborhood Associations as well as posting the information and no other comments had been received. Staff recommended approval of the amendment to the Code for consideration of the City Commission at their April 7, 2010 meeting.

Chair Powell opened the public hearing. There was no public comment.

Chair Powell closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Stein discussed the claims made in Mr. O'Brien's letter, and he emphasized that decisions had not been made without a quorum, no Commissioner was affiliated with any developers, and their decisions were based on the findings.

Commissioner Groener said he never had any concerns that the Commission had relationships that biased their opinion that they didn't claim before a hearing.

Commissioner Stein thought it made sense to change the number and did not compromise the integrity of the Commission.

Commissioner LaJoie said they were volunteers and working on the public's behalf to see the City was designed and moved forward in a way that was reflective of good growth.

Chair Powell thought it made sense and he was proud of the job the Planning Commission had done.

Motion by Commissioner Dan Lajoie, second by Commissioner Carter Stein to to approve L 10-01.

A roll call was taken and the motion passed with Chair Tim Powell, Commissioner Dan Lajoie, Commissioner Carter Stein, Commissioner Chris Groener voting aye. [4:0:0]

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolution 10-01

Resolution 10-01 Commission Report

Resolution 10-01

Mr. Konkol said this was a request for the Planning Commission's support of a resolution to be submitted to ODOT as part of the grant application to update the City's Transportation System Plan. The City Commission also approved a resolution of support at their last meeting.

Motion by , second by to

A roll call was taken and the motion passed with Chair Tim Powell, Commissioner Dan Lajoie, Commissioner Carter Stein, Commissioner Chris Groener voting aye. [4:0:0]

WORK SESSION

Natural Step Presentation

Natural Step Commission Report

Sustainability Presentation

Duke Castle of The Natural Step Network gave the Commission a presentation regarding sustainability. There was discussion regarding green vs. sustainability, basic scientific principles for sustainability, how humans influence cycles, incentives in the Code to get other jurisdictions and businesses on board, how to measure success, examples of businesses and communities that have implemented sustainability, sustainability planning process, and keys to success.

Chair Powell thought the Commission and staff already were in philosophical agreement. This was a long term strategic look and they needed to know how to implement it and educate the community.

Commissioner Groener thought they needed to discuss how to institutionalize these ideas and create the programs. He suggested a Work Session to discuss ideas of how to move forward.

Commissioner Stein said they could use the updating of the Comprehensive Plan to institutionalize some of these principles and they could educate citizens during that process as well. They could also discuss them in the Transportation System Plan update. Mr. Konkol said staff would come back with steps to proceed.

Mr. Konkol updated the Commission on upcoming meetings and projects such as the Cove dredging, Farmer's Market downtown, Thayer Road subdivision application, conditional use permit for Atkinson Church, delay in the Cove project, potential Planning Commissioner, and the new City Manager, David Frasier, would start April 7.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Powell adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.