

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
August 13, 2020**

Public Hearing and Work Session

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The virtual meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission  
3 Chair, Kelvin Barton at 6:00 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Kelvin Barton, Robert Bartel, Atul Deshmane, Jim Hansen, Stephen Jackson,  
6 Kimberley Lund, Dominic Mocerri, Jon Maberry, Natalie McClendon

7 **Staff Present:** Matt Aamot, Mark Personius, Ashley Ubil, and Jeremy Rische and Rick  
8 Anderson (Information Technology)

9 **Department Update**

10 Mark Personius, Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS), reminded  
11 commissioners that the Public Hearing would be held later in the meeting, and that due  
12 to summer break, there would only be one Planning Commission meeting in August. At  
13 the next meeting, on September 10<sup>th</sup>, the plan is to look at open space applications  
14 and county-wide planning policy amendments.

15 **Open Session Public Comment**

16 There was no public comment.

17 **Commissioner Comments**

18 Commissioner Barton stated that he had conversations with industry and  
19 environmental representative, along with staff.

20 Commissioner Deshmane recommended voting on the definition from industry and RE  
21 Sources prior to the public hearing.

22 Commissioner Mocerri reported that he was on one of the Zoom calls with the work  
23 group, with industry and other stakeholders this morning.

24 Commissioner Lund disclosed that she was on a Zoom call with industry,  
25 environmental representatives, and County staff yesterday.

26 Commissioner Maberry disclosed that he was on a call with RE Sources, industry, and  
27 staff this morning.

28 Commissioner Bartel disclosure disclosed that he was on a call with RE Sources,  
29 industry, and staff yesterday afternoon.

30 **Staff Report**

31 **Timestamp: 10:09**

32 Matt Aamot, Senior Planner at PDS, presented a staff report including a chart  
33 comparing some of the main components of the County Council proposal to the  
34 existing heavy impact industrial code and showing the Planning Commission direction  
35 to date. He then provided an overview of the joint proposal from Industry and RE  
36 Sources and staff recommendations.

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1 **Public Hearing**

2 **Timestamp: 18:10**

The following people spoke:

- Alan Chapman
- Eddy Ury
- Warren Sheay
- Barry Wenger
- Jack McBride
- Dena Jensen
- Dirk Vermeeren
- Derek Gremban
- Ruan Ritterhouse
- Randall Potts
- Russ Dzialo
- Andronetta Douglass
- Glen Alexander
- Andrew Gamble
- Lane McIlvoy
- Miguel Perry
- Tim Johnson
- Brad Brown
- Carl Perkins
- Jennifer Sefzik
- John Andersen
- Trevor Smith
- David Kershner
- Lance Calloway
- Holli Johnson
- Tessa Perler
- Alex Ramel
- Janet Higbee-Robinson
- Kevin Covey
- Lyle Anderson
- Mary Rivkin
- Rainbow Koehl
- Alice Sigurdson
- Steve Garey
- Ingrid Archibald
- Ronald Colson
- Barney Smith
- Karen Russell
- Jeff Ten Pas
- Christopher Watrobka
- Kellie Slater
- Ruan Likkel
- Tom Wolf
- Rod Roth
- Justin Woodum
- Peggy Uppiano
- Anna Doty
- Pam Brady
- Jeff Chalfant
- Jacob Pederson
- Wendy Harris
- Bryon Powell
- Verner Wilson
- Destiny Dunbar

3 **Timestamp 2:51:34**

4 The public hearing closed at 8:56 p.m.

5 **Work Session**

6 **File #PLN2018-00009: Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and County**  
7 **Code proposed amendments primarily relating to fossil fuel and renewable**  
8 **fuel refineries, storage, transshipment facilities, piers, and other related**  
9 **facilities in industrial zones, including but not limited to industrial zones**  
10 **within the Cherry Point Urban Growth Area.**

11 **Timestamp: 2:58:30**

12 **Commissioner Maberry moved** to approve the joint amendments provided by  
13 **industry and RE Sources as outlined by Matt during the staff report.**

14 **Commissioner Jackson seconded.**

15 Matt Aamot provided a breakdown of changes made after the agenda packet was  
16 distributed.

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1 **Timestamp: 3:08:06**

2 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Lund,**  
3 **Maberry, McClendon, Mocer; (Ayes 9; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

4 **Timestamp: 3:09:25**

5 **Commissioner McClendon moved** to add "transshipment facilities" to  
6 *Comprehensive Plan policy 2CC-16 and modify Finding 49 to add the Cherry Point*  
7 *UGA.*

8 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

9 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Lund,**  
10 **Maberry, McClendon, Mocer; (Ayes-9; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

11 **Timestamp: 3:11:40**

12 **Commissioner McClendon moved** to recommend the *Cherry Point Amendments,*  
13 *Findings and Facts, and Exhibits A through D as amended.*

14 **Commissioner Deshmane seconded.**

15 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Bartel, Barton, Deshmane, Hansen, Jackson, Lund,**  
16 **McClendon, Mocer; Nays-Maberry; (Ayes-8; Nays-1; Abstain-0). The motion**  
17 **carried.**

18 **Adjournment**

19 **Timestamp: 3:17:26**

20 The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

21 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

22 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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Kelvin Barton, Chair

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Tammy Axlund, Secretary