

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2013  
JOINT CITY COUNCIL & PLANNING COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
City Hall, 135 East Johnson Avenue, Chelan, Washington

Mr. Dobbs called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. for the Planning Commission.  
Mr. Goedde called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. for City Council.

**Elected Officials Present:** Goedde, Harper, Isenhardt, Steele, and Morehouse.

**Planning Commission Members Present:** Dobbs, Griffith, Hollingsworth, and Warren.

**Consultants Present:** Clynda Case, Department of Ecology, Amy Summe, Watershed Company, and Lisa Grueter, Berk & Associates, Inc.

Ms. Grueter gave a summary of the purpose and the history of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) which is guided by the Shoreline Management Act. The regional process was conducted from 2008 through 2011. The local process has been in progress since 2012 and will need to be adopted by December 31, 2013. The deadline for submission to the Department of Ecology (DOE) is June of 2013 to accommodate their six month review period. They have the authority to accept the SMP, modify it, or deny it.

One of the major components of the Regional Shoreline Master Program is the City's ability to keep Variance and Conditional Use Permits under their jurisdiction. This will cut costs and speed up the process. If the City doesn't complete its own Shoreline Master Program, DOE will keep jurisdiction over Variance and Conditional Use Permits.

Different types of buffers were discussed for the different types of development along Lake Chelan. Ms. Case said the purpose of the program is to protect all fish and wildlife species and to balance use against ecological disturbances created by development which DOE terms as a net loss of ecological function. Councilmembers asked how the loss of ecological function was determined and if DOE used the same formula for Lake Chelan as they utilized in other jurisdictions. Ms. Case stated the uniqueness of Lake Chelan was taken into consideration.

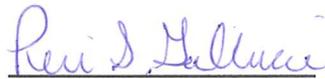
Councilmembers reiterated Lake Chelan is a unique body of water with unique ecological functions. Councilmembers asked for the science to support Department of Ecology's claim regarding the net loss and the required mitigation for overwater structures to articulate their decision back to the public. Ms. Case said that information was not available and suggested the City conduct the studies and provide the information to DOE to support the City's argument mitigation should not be required. Mr. Gildroy stated he felt the current draft of the SMP was a balanced approach for mitigation because there is a cumulative impacts evaluation and as a whole this will meet the no net loss of ecological function. Mr. Gildroy reiterated the City is under a June deadline and the City has to adopt their own SMP or DOE will adopt it for them. Mr. Gildroy gave a timeline for the process to be completed and asked direction from Council.

Council stated there were too many unanswered issues for them to make a determination at this time.

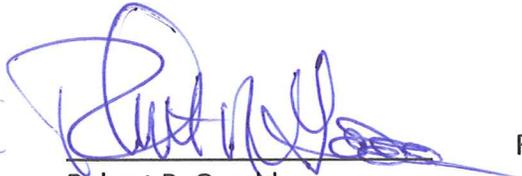
There being no further business, Mr. Dobbs motioned to adjourn the Planning Commission meeting. Second by Mr. Warren. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Mr. Harper motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting. Second by Mr. Steele. Motion passed unanimously.

The joint meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Peri S. Gallucci  
City Clerk



Robert R. Goedde  
Mayor

DATE APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

February 14, 2013