



**KEIZER PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 9, 2016 @ 6:00 pm
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Michael DeBlasi called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Michael DeBlasi, Chair
Garry Whalen
Jim Jacks
Kyle Juran
Hersch Sangster
Josh Eggleston
Jerry Crane

Council Liaison:

Marlene Parsons

Staff Present:

Nate Brown, Community Development Director
Shane Witham, Associate Planner
Shannon Johnson, City Attorney

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONER JURAN: City Attorney Shannon Johnson issued the Oath of Office.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Commissioner Whalen nominated Hersch Sangster to serve as Chair. With no further nominations Commissioner Sangster was elected by unanimous consent.

Commissioner Sangster nominated Kyle Juran to serve as Vice Chair. With no further nominations Commissioner Juran was elected by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Sangster moved for approval of the September 14, 2016 Regular Session Minutes and the October 12, 2016 Joint Session Minutes. Commissioner Juran seconded. Motion passed as follows: DeBlasi, Jacks, Juran, Whalen, Eggleston, Crane and Sangster in favor. (Commissioner Eggleston abstained from voting on the Joint Session Minutes and Commissioner Crane abstained from voting on the Regular Session minutes.)

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

UGB Issue (Third Bridge): Community Development Director Nate Brown introduced Julie Warncke, Transportation Planning Manager for the City of Salem

and Matt Hasty who is the consultant on the project. He explained that Ms. Warncke is the lead on the Salem River Crossing project and she and Mr. Hasty were attending the meeting to answer any questions the Commission may have. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the need for a bridge. Commissioner DeBlasi suggested that land be used efficiently before spending money on a bridge and urged that citizens find other means to move around rather than depend on automobiles. Mr. Brown responded that we must recognize the context in which we live and we do not have a good public transportation system. Discussion continued regarding commuting patterns, public transportation, trucking routes, the need and Oregon's growth rate.

Commissioner Jacks moved that the Planning Commission recommend adoption of an ordinance indicating concurrence with the Salem proposal to expand the UBG to allow for the project of Salem River Crossing. Commissioner Whalen seconded. Motion passed as follows: Jacks, Juran, Whalen, Eggleston, Crane and Sangster in favor with DeBlasi opposed.

STAFF REPORT: Mr. Brown reported that staff had been working on three separate projects: (1) Transportation Study for the City of Keizer, (2) Revitalization request to update established plans and administration of land use to encourage greater density, mixed use development and safer crossings, and (3) dealing with the departure of Senior Planner Sam Litke. In closing Mr. Brown requested that the December Planning Commission meeting be cancelled. Commissioners agreed by consensus to cancel the December Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Brown then fielded questions and provided information about the theater and Target parking problems at Keizer Station.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT: Councilor Parsons reported that Council had adopted an ordinance to change the zoning for the Herber property, announced that Councilor Caillier will be replaced by Allen Barker and the Parks Board and Council will hold a joint work session on Monday.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Commissioner Juran confirmed that he could provide the report to Council.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Next Meeting: January 11, 2017

Minutes approved: 1-11-17