



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
City of Sumner City Hall
November 30, 2022 5:00 PM**

The city is conducting this public meeting using a hybrid model. The public is welcome to attend tonight's meeting in-person at City Hall (First Floor)

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cindy Hochstatter, Curt Brown, Charla Neuman, Pat Cole (Alternate)

All members present. No Public in Attendance.

Meeting began at 5:03PM

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update - Consultant Contract

Ann Siegenthaler, Senior Planner, explained that the City of Sumner is required by the State to review and update its comprehensive plan and development regulations on a periodic basis to ensure they comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA). The 2024 update is the "10-year" update, which will involve extensive amendments to reflect changes over the last decade, including new population and employment growth projections, changes in the community, and State Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies requirements. The current update must be completed by December 2024. To assist City staff in completing this work by the required deadline, staff have selected BERK Consulting, Inc., after a duly advertised RFP process.

The proposed contract amount is not to exceed \$500,000. The scope of work includes required updates to Sumner's housing policies, environmental regulations, Capital Facilities Plan, Transportation Plan, new traffic modeling and traffic impact fee adjustments, and completion of the Environmental Impact Statement. The City will receive a \$125,000 grant from Washington State Department of Commerce to assist in the 2024 update.

Ms. Siegenthaler referenced the attached consultant draft contract that provides more details on the scope of work and asked for questions. The CD Committee members voted in favor of a "Do Pass" recommendation.

2. Zoning Code Amendment--Metal Storage Containers at Utility Facilities

Ryan Windish, Community Development Director, explained that the City has received a pre-application request from a company that constructs large battery storage facilities for storing energy from alternative energy sources (e.g. windmills, solar). This energy is stored and then put back onto the electrical grid when needed. The company, Bright Nights, would locate on the East Valley Highway near the White River Power Plant and the utility substations in the area. The company is requesting the use of metal storage containers for housing the battery supplies. Staff is seeking direction from the Committee on whether or not to propose a zoning code amendment to allow the use of metal storage containers for a utility facility land use. The CD Committee asked questions and debated the pros and cons of this proposal and voted unanimously to forward to the Planning Commission for further consideration as a Zoning Code Text Amendment initiated by staff.

3. South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA3P) 2023 Work Plan

Mr. Windish presented an update on the 2023 Work Plan for the South Sound Housing Affordability Partners (SSHA3P). The City of Sumner is a partner in this coalition and much of what is in the Work Plan is being

addressed by the City through implementation of the Housing Action Plan adopted in 2021. No action was taken.

REPORTS

1. Permit Activity Report--October 2022
Information Only. No Action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:53PM

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