

Members present: Kathy Hayden, Curt Brown and Cindi Hochstatter

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Community Development Director Ryan Windish, Development Services Director Doug Beagle, Community Services Manager Derek Barry, City Administrator Jason Wilson

Guests Present: Michael Pate, et al. from Amarok

This was a virtual Zoom Meeting.

The meeting convened at 5:02PM.

Hochstatter moved to amend the agenda to move Item 3 to Item 1. Brown seconded and it passed unanimously.

The following topics were discussed:

1. Electric Fence Amendments—Action

Development Services Director Doug Beagle explained that there are numerous industrial and commercial locations that have outdoor storage of equipment, materials, and vehicles both for sale and for use with the business that risk being stolen or damaged due to the lack of proper security. The City has approved, within industrial zones, a type of electric fence that is installed inside of existing non-electric fences to improve security and reduce theft and vandalism. The current fence code allows for electric fences in the industrial zones, but not within the commercial zones. In addition, the current code allows for up to an 8 foot fence only if there is a need for increased security and public safety surrounding hazardous equipment and materials.

Following discussion of the proposal, the Committee directed staff to prepare a zoning code text amendment that would allow electric security fences in the industrial zones and Interchange Commercial zone at 10 feet in height and to prepare standards for setbacks and landscaping. This will be moved to the Planning Commission for a public hearing in March and to Council for action following the PC recommendation.

2. Budget Amendments-Parks--Action

Community Development Manager Derek Barry presented a recommendation on a \$135,000 budget amendment and explained that the property located at 4811 East Valley Highway was recently purchased for a future park with funding assistance from Pierce County Conservation Futures. He said that the next steps include asbestos and lead testing and abatement, demolishing the small building, clearing the site, vegetation removal, environmental work and hiring a consultant to complete a master plan. Mr. Barry stated that an Ordinance will be reviewed at the Finance & Personnel Committee on February 3rd, which amends the adopted 2021/2022 biennial budget in order to transfer \$135,000 from Fund 605 (Development Impact Fee Fund) to Fund 310 (Parks Capital Improvement Fund) and appropriate \$135,000 for use in Fund 310 for park

development. The Committee discussed and asked clarifying questions and voted unanimously in favor of a “Do Pass” recommendation to the City Council.

3. Ordinance No. 2761—Parking Code Text Amendments-Action

Ryan Windish, Community Development Director presented parking code amendment options to the Committee as set forth in the staff report and included: reducing parking time limits from 8-hours to 4-hours on public lots in the downtown; increasing 2-hour on-street parking to 3-hour; allowing parking with an employee permit in all public lots beyond the posted times; and creating prohibiting parking on west side of McMillan between 16th Street and Everett Street.

The Committee discussed and asked clarifying questions and voted unanimously in favor of a “Do Pass” recommendation to the City Council. This item will go before City Council for action on February 16.

4. Interlocal Agreement with East Pierce Fire & Rescue

City Administrator Jason Wilson presented an interlocal agreement (ILA) and explained that in late 2019, East Pierce Fire & Rescue (EPFR) approached the City asking to amend our current ILA related to permit fees for fire review services. EPFR desired to adopt a new fee structure that would ensure alignment between all cities within the district and cover associated costs. The Committee discussed the proposal and was in consensus regarding the terms of the draft ILA. This item will be coming to Council in March for action.

5. Permit Activity Report and Significant Projects—Discussion

Development Services Director Doug Beagle referred to the report in the packet and said his staff was very busy and development applications were not slowing down. Mr. Windish also provided some details on the status of major projects of interest.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM

Prepared by Community Development Director Ryan Windish