



Planning Commission Public Hearing Minutes for July 10, 2019

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Acting Chair Cleland-McGrath called the Public Hearing of July 10, 2019 to order at approximately 5 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Commissioners Cleland-McGrath, MacKenzie, Graf, and Mount
Absent: Commissioners McNett, Doll, and Moffitt

Minutes

Minutes from May 22 were approved as read.

Correspondence

No new correspondence were submitted.

New Business –

Proposed Amendments to Chapter 18.04 State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA)

Don Measamer, Director of Planning, presented a proposal to amend the Anacortes Municipal Code provisions under AMC 18.04 to remove outdated WAC references, replace the words “shall” with the word “must,” and the add the specification that within the R1 Zone Categorical Exemptions do not apply to both lands covered by water and their buffers.

Ian Munce, 1711 Quail Drive, Anacortes; provided public testimony in support of the amendment; he believes the R1 zone is a critically important transitional zone with many sensitive areas. This proposal will provide clarification of the current SEPA requirements, which is useful and transparent, and will allow an opportunity for neighbor comments on water related issues.

With no further comment, Acting Chair Cleland-McGrath closed the public hearing.

Commissioners discussed the project; Commissioner MacKenzie made a motion to recommend approval of the Proposed Amendments to City Council. Commissioner Graf seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

With no further discussion, Acting Chair Cleland-McGrath concluded the meeting at approximately 5:17 p.m.