



Joint City Council - Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM

9103 E Frederick Ave.

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2026 Strategic Theme: "Our Future. Our Water."

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Beese called the Joint City Council - Planning Commission Special Meeting to order at 5:01 pm. A quorum was present.

PRESENT

Mayor Shawna Beese
Council Member Shaun Culler
Council Member Dan Sander arrived at 5:03 pm
Council Member Kelly Stravens
Council Member Andy Van Hees
Council Member Tina Seifert

Chairman Michael Ankney

Commissioner Bill Rickard

Commissioner Jay Molitor

Commissioner Karina Chernioglo

ABSENT

Commissioner Bobbie Beese

2. OTHER PRESENTATIONS

a. 2026 Periodic Update - Updates to the City Development Regulations

Ms. Tainio presented the 2026 Periodic Update - Updates to the City Development Regulations presentation. Ms. Tainio explained the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) requires cities and counties to adopt comprehensive plans and development regulations for their communities and conduct a periodic update of those documents every ten (10) years. Ms. Tainio explained the comprehensive plan portion of the periodic update has been completed and updates to the development regulations are in process. Ms. Tainio discussed the proposed modifications and updates to the Development Regulations portion with the Council and Planning Commission.

Council Member Stravens asked if there is any capability to increase setbacks, voicing concern going from 30ft between houses to 10ft (5ft between buildings). Ms. Tainio explained the tier 3 ordinance specifies how high or low you can go with setbacks, noting Millwood stayed on the higher end with front and back setbacks; however, she will follow up on those requirements for Council Member Stravens.

3. COUNCIL - COMMISSION REMARKS

Commissioner Cherniogolo made no comment.

Commissioner Molitor made no comment.

Chairman Ankney thanked Ms. Tainio for her great work and gave a shoutout for Commissioner Cherniogolo's valuable input. Chairman Ankney noted traffic from Argonne construction has been creating racetrack on Willow. Stating his neighbors are asking if speed bumps would be place on the road again. Mayor Beese noted the topic would be covered at the following regular City Council meeting, asking for comments to stay withing the scope of the special meeting. Chairman Ankney requested clarification on if a neighbor could submit a code enforcement violation could that be submitted anonymously. Mr. Werst clarified due to public records requests the anonymous check box on the Citizen Action Request form was removed.

Council Member Stravens thanked the Commission and Ms. Tainio their hard work, emphasizing he would like to see 7.5 ft on setbacks.

Council Member Sander stated he is amazed at the complexity periodic update and Ms. Tainio's hard work.

Council Member Van Hees thanked everyone.

Council Member Seifert noted she has attended a few planning meetings and thanked everyone for their hard work.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Beese asked Chairman Ankney to adjourn the Joint Special Meeting. Chairman Ankney entertained a motion to adjourn the Joint Meeting. Motion made by Council Member Stravens, Seconded by Commissioner Rickard to adjourn the Joint City Council - Planning Commission Special Meeting at 5:33 pm .

Voting Yea: Council Member Seifer, Council Member Culler, Council Member Van Hees, Council Member Sander, Council Member Stravens, Commissioner Ankney, Commissioner Rickard, Commissioner Molitor, Commissioner Chernioglo