



Planning Commission Meeting

433 Cherry Street, Sumas
Monday, September 16, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Minutes

Present

Carson Coretz, City Planner
Michelle Quinn, City Clerk

Planning Committee

Present

John VanWingerden
Lizette Custer
Helen Solem

Absent

Ex-Officio Josh Clawson
Teresa Josephson
Jacob Williams

John VanWingerden made a motion to approve August 19, 2024, Minutes, Lizette Custer seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

This subject will be brought back to the next planning commission meeting.

Carson Cortez, City Planner wanted to start the meeting with new business and with the population and employment growth proposal. Carson explained that the Whatcom County Population and Employment projections show there are three projections for how the county could grow in population over the next twenty years. For us to participate in the EIS process the city needs to develop our own proposal for how much growth we will be planning for over the next twenty years. The City of Sumas has been determined to have occupied approximately 1.2% of the county's total population over the last ten years. Carson's proposal for our city's growth over the next twenty years would be to add 1000 people and 200 jobs. This also would depend on if we annexed all the urban growth (UGA) areas we have requested.

Discussion on how or what will create these two hundred jobs over the next twenty years and how the city will grow over the next years.

Carson will be bringing this information to the city council for their input on the proposed population and employment proposal and then create a formal request to send Whatcom County.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 21, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

John VanWingerden made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lizette Custer seconded; all were in favor the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Clawson, Ex Officio

City Clerk

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