

**CITY OF BLAINE
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

November 14, 2019

A. STUDY SESSION – STUDY SESSION OF 2019 DOCKET OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS: Richard May, John “Calvin” Armerding, Kevin Owens, Thomas Hanrahan, Susan Sturgill, John LeBrun.

COMMISSIONER LEBRUN MOVED TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONER HRUTFIORD FROM THE MEETING. SECONDED BY OWENS. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

STAFF: Director of Community Development Services Stacie Pratschner

Community Services Director Stacie Pratschner conducted a study session in advance of a December public hearing concerning the docketed petitions for comprehensive plan amendments submitted to the city in 2019. She provided a brief overview of the docket approval procedure and proceeded to present synopses of petitions prior to final recommendations to be made at public hearing to be held at a later date. Petitions were as follows:

1. The Director recommended that all petitions with the exception of the Port of Bellingham’s request to amend the Wharf District Master Plan be “denied” so that they can be deferred to 2020.

The Commissioners discussed and requested clarification on how to appropriately email Stacie without violating Open Public Meeting Act rules. Commissioners also requested that meeting agenda be emailed a few days prior to Planning Commission meetings.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A commissioner asked whether downtown businesses are currently being required to conform to City design criteria. Commissioners identified three downtown businesses whose exterior color is garish/too bright and may be in violation of design standards established in the municipal code.

Adjourned.

D. CALENDAR

Unless noted, all meetings are held at City Hall, 435 Martin Street, Suite 3000, and are open to the public.

Monday, November 25

4pm – Study Session – 2020 Budget

5pm – Study Session – 2020 Blaine Tourism Advisory Committee (BTAC) Budget

6pm – Regular City Council meeting

Public Hearing: 2020 Budget

Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29

City Offices Closed – Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 28

6pm – Planning Commission – CANCELLED