



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

City Commission

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

6:15 PM

Commission Chambers

Joint Work Session with the Planning Commission

1. Convene Joint Work Session

Mayor Holladay called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present: 10 - Mayor Dan Holladay, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, Commissioner Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Rocky Smith Jr., Commissioner Denyse McGriff, Member Mike Mitchell, Commissioner Robert Mahoney, Member Vern Johnson, Dirk Schlagenhauser and Patti Gage

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Tom Geil and Greg Stoll

Staffers: 8 - City Manager Tony Konkol, Assistant City Recorder Claudia Cisneros, City Attorney William Kabeiseman, Human Resources Director Patrick Foiles, Public Works Director John Lewis, Library Director Maureen Cole, Planner Pete Walter and Community Development Director Laura Terway

3. Discussion Items

3a. Height Limits within the Mixed Use Downtown District

Pete Walter, Senior Planner, presented information on the height limits for the Mixed Use Downtown (MUD) zone. Currently the maximum building height was 75 feet with some exceptions: between Main Street and McLoughlin Boulevard and 11th and 16th Streets it was 45 feet, within 500 feet of the EOT it was 45 feet, within 100 feet of single-family detached homes it was 45 feet, and within the Downtown Design District it was 58 feet. He showed pictures of the height limits of familiar buildings.

Staff recommended allowing 75 feet for the maximum height limit for properties between Main Street and McLoughlin Boulevard and 11th and 16th Streets. The Planning Commission had recommended retaining the 45 feet to maintain the visual corridor and transitioning heights.

There was discussion regarding choosing a height between the two recommendations, infrastructure and parking, reasons for staff's recommendation, making this area pedestrian friendly, and aesthetics.

There was consensus for staff to bring back information on making the maximum height 58-60 feet and on the elevation changes from south to north.

Mr. Walter asked for direction on the height limit within 100 feet of single-family

detached homes. The Planning Commission had recommended changing it to abutting single-family detached homes.

There was discussion regarding the residential uses in this area and the higher elevation of the residences.

There was consensus to make the height limit within 58-60 feet.

There was discussion regarding the height limit for the End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center (EOT) and how it would affect the Rossman land fill site. Staff recommended limiting the building heights between the railroad tracks and Washington Street to 45 feet in order to preserve the views of the EOT from I-205, but allowing 75 feet elsewhere. Staff would come back with some options for the backside of the EOT.

4. Communications

There were no communications.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Holladay adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kattie Riggs, City Recorder