

City of St. Helens City Council

Public Hearing Minutes

July 17, 2019

Members Present: Mayor Rick Scholl
Council President Doug Morten
Councilor Ginny Carlson
Councilor Keith Locke
Councilor Stephen R. Topaz

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Walsh, City Administrator
Kathy Payne, City Recorder
Matt Brown, Finance Director
Jacob Graichen, City Planner
Sue Nelson, Public Works Interim Director
Brian Greenway, Police Chief
Jenny Dimsho, Associate Planner

Others: F. Brandon

- 1) **6:45 P.M. - Open Public Hearing**
- 2) **Topic - Comprehensive Plan Amendment - Housing Needs Analysis**
 - 2.A Adopt a Housing Needs Analysis as an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan (SHMC Title 19)

Associate Planner Dimsho presented the staff report dated July 10, 2019. A copy is included in the archive meeting packet. There were no ex-parte conflicts of interest, or bias in this matter. There was no objection from the audience for the Council to make a fair decision. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Councilor Locke thinks this is more of a 10-year plan rather than a 20-year plan based on current growth.

Council President Morten asked if the cottage cluster concept fits into high density or mixed use. Dimsho responded that they haven't developed the cottage cluster code yet. The goal is to develop it by 2020. It depends on what density you apply to it. It can range from high to low.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Columbia Health Services submitted a letter in support of affordable housing. Housing affordability affects health.

- ♦ Jacob Graichen, City Planner. This plan will help make decisions for high density property. Ideally, they would have had Code amendments proposed at the same time. Unfortunately, this was a very tight timeframe since it was done with State funding.

Councilor Carlson talked about involving builders. Graichen responded that the number one goal of the plan is citizen involvement. Discussion ensued about current and upcoming projects.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR – None

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION – None


3) **Close Public Hearing – 7:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Scholl, Deputy City Recorder.

ATTEST:



Kathy Payne, City Recorder



Rick Scholl, Mayor