

CITY OF ELLENSBURG Minutes of Council Meeting, Special Session
Date of Meeting September 12, 2011
Time of Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting Council Chambers, 501 North Anderson Street

Councilmembers Present: Arango, Bottcher, Lillquist, D. Miller, F. Miller, and Mayor Tabb

Absent/Excused: Elliott

Others present were City Manager Barkley, City Attorney Pidduck, Community Development Director Smith, Planning Supervisor Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director Case, City Engineer Lyyski, Deputy Clerk Keno and seven members of the audience.

DRAFT LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATE (SEPT. 1, 2011) – Initial Review – Article 4 Community Design and Article 5 – Project Design

Council discussed pushing back completion of the land development code update to April 1, 2012 instead of the original target date of December 31, 2011 to allow the Planning Commission to complete its process in its entirety before Council as a whole provides its input.

Council requested staff provide for the September 19, 2011 regular meeting a review process timeline for the land development code update.

A councilmember proposed staff work through pages 3-5 of the agenda packet so the public would have some understanding of what is proposed to be changed in the code. Other councilmembers requested the opportunity to hear from audience members who wished to comment.

Bill Amo, 1900 North Water, stated since 2009 Bender Street is becoming a Los Angeles alley with six foot fences. Fence building is continuing on Bender and now fences are being built on Water Street. This is turning into a terrible situation. No one he knows will come to a City Council public hearing because it does not affect their property personally. Please consider individuals are happy with their own property and not realizing what these decisions mean. Has Council considered a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission so both entities are hearing the same comments?

Ron Criddlebaugh, representing the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber wants a good, clear and concise document. The Chamber will review the code update in detail and offer its comments to City staff and the Planning Commission. There is a need for parking in neighborhoods.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Miller
Approved(Lillquist, Bottcher-no)

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk