AGENDA REPORT

Date: August 20, 2013

To: City Council

Thru: Ted Barkley, City Manager

From: Mike Smith, Community Development Director

RE: August 26 Special Meeting Agenda - Final Draft Land Development Code

Council has set a special meeting for 6 pm on August 26, 2013 in City Council Chambers to continue its review of the Final Draft Land Development Code.

The draft can be reviewed on the City's webpage at www.ci.ellensburg.wa.us or direct link at http://www.ci.ellensburg.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=395 . It is also available on CD at the Community Development Department and hard copies are available for reading at the City Library and at Community Development in City Hall.

Council's review has followed the order of the Final Draft. The review was initiated on July 22 with Articles 1 thru 3 and the July 29 meeting continued the review of Article 3. The August 12 meeting completed the review of Article 3 (Chapter 15.380 Development Agreements) and then moved into Article 4. **The August 26 meeting will review Article 5.** Article 6 – Critical Areas – has not been substantively amended from the current Critical Area Ordinance and is not proposed to be amended as part of this code update other than to make its processes and Chapter numbering consistent with the Final Draft Land Development Code.

Council has reviewed several earlier drafts, in addition to holding several joint study sessions with the Planning Commission, and staff would recommend that this review process consist of:

- Staff brief presentation of a summary of each Article along with identification of any changes from the last draft that was released in January 2013, and identification of any items that may still need to be discussed and resolved.

- Discussion by Council and public input on the Chapters.
  - Staff suggests that Council provide time for public input at the conclusion of its discussion on each Chapter.

- Direction by Council.
  - The Final Draft will need some amendment to address identified typographical and/or formatting errors, and will likely also have some amendments to add or delete or reword the text in places.

Staff has attached a Summary of Article 5 as well as an up-to-date *Code Discussion Issues* Summary of Council's discussion of the Final Draft.