

**Snohomish City Council Workshop Minutes  
February 2, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kartak called the Snohomish City Council Joint Workshop with the Planning Commission to order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

**COUNCILMEMBERS/MAYOR PRESENT**

Larry Countryman  
Steve Dana  
Judith Kuleta  
Tom Merrill  
Felix Neals  
Donna Ray  
Linda Redmon  
John Kartak, Mayor

**STAFF PRESENT**

Debbie Burton, Finance Director  
Brooke Eidem, Planner  
Glen Pickus, Planning Director  
Steve Schuller, City Administrator and  
Utility General Manager  
Brandi Whitson, Deputy City Clerk

**PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT**

Gordon Cole  
Terry Lippincott  
Nick Gottuso

***NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 declared federal, state and local emergency, and pursuant to Governor Inslee's Proclamations 20-05 and 20-28, the Snohomish City Council held its meeting via remote participation.***

2. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** 2020 Planning Commission's Annual Report and 2021 Work Program

Planning Director Glen Pickus provided background on the Planning Commission's annual report as required by SMC 2.16.060, and introduced Ms. Lippincott, 2020 Planning Commission Chair. Ms. Lippincott provided a recap of the 2020 annual report. Three major projects were completed in 2020:

- Adopted SEPA Flexible Thresholds
- Consolidation of Title 14 Definitions
- Update of the Flood Hazard Area Regulations

The Council thanked the Planning Commission and City staff for their work, and appreciated the reports and summaries.

Mr. Pickus provided the Planning Commission's 2021 Work Plan, which is subject to change. Items for consideration in 2021 include:

- Comprehensive Plan amendments, such as rezoning approximately 100 parcels due to the elimination of the Mixed Use and Urban Horticulture zones.
- Midtown Planning District Development Regulations and Design Standards. The Midtown Task Force is to finalize recommendations this month for presentation to the City Council.
- Sign Code amendments (Chapter 14.245 SMC).
- Update SMC 14.295 Traffic Impact Fees and Mitigation.

Staff, Council and Planning Commissioners discussed the following topics:

- Midtown Planning District Task Force's upcoming recommendations.
- Review of overall parking requirements based on societal changes.
- Review northern UGA zoning in anticipation of development as a result of sewer trunkline upgrades.
- Generationally-driven changes of living and social gathering spaces.
- Airbnbs.
- Public outreach regarding the Growth Management Act and UGA boundaries.
- Connecting community with green spaces and sustainability.
- Southern UGA options relating to annexation, zoning, and floodplain regulations.
- Alleviating Swifty Creek flooding; stormwater management.

3. **ADJOURN** at 5:54 p.m.

APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

ATTEST:

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John T. Kartak, Mayor

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Brandi Whitson, Deputy City Clerk