

**City of Gig Harbor Planning Commission
Minutes of Work-Study Session
May 5, 2011
Gig Harbor Civic Center**

PRESENT: Commissioners: Jim Pasin, Ben Coronado, Jill Guernsey and Craig Baldwin. Commissioners Absent: Harris Atkins, Bill Coughlin, Michael Fisher. Staff Present: Jennifer Kester and Tom Dolan. Guests: Shawn Hoey from the Master Builders Association of Pierce County.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Jim Pasin called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

Senior Planner Jennifer Kester gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Growth Management Act (GMA) and Comprehensive Plans, answering the questions: What is GMA? What is a Comprehensive Plan? What does this Planning Commission do?

COMP-11-0003: ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Kester presented the city-sponsored Comprehensive Plan text amendment to add policies to the Transportation and Utilities elements to support the State-mandated requirement to allow electric vehicle infrastructure in most of our zoning districts. Ms. Kester explained the types of electric vehicle infrastructure: battery charging stations (level 1-3) and battery exchange stations.

COMP-11-0004: GIG HARBOR BAY UGA EXPANSION

Ms. Kester presented the city-sponsored Comprehensive Plan map amendment to expand the UGA to include the entirety of the Gig Harbor Bay. Currently, the UGA boundary follows the ordinary high water mark of the bay. State statute does not allow the annexation of area outside of the UGA. The City's proposal to move the UGA boundary to just outside the entrance to the bay will create a logical UGA boundary, avoid any donut holes with future annexations and allow the City to annex the waters of the bay without annexing uplands to gain police authority over marine vessels in the entire bay.

Ms. Kester explained that this is a companion amendment to a City-request Pierce County UGA amendment. While the County is the jurisdiction with the authority to set UGA boundaries, the City needs to amend its Comprehensive Plan, which currently shows the UGA running down the middle of bay, in order to maintain consistency between plans.

Future Actions: The Planning Commission directed staff to prepare and advertise for a public hearing on the two proposed amendments on June 2nd. The Commission also asked for staff to prepare draft findings for approval that could be reviewed by the Commission after the public hearing in case testimony is supportive of the amendments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Move to approve the minutes of April 21, 2011 as amended. Coronado / Guernsey – Motion passed.

MEETING DATES:

The Planning Commission decided to cancel the May 19th meeting. The next scheduled meeting is June 2nd when a public hearing on the two proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments will occur.

The Planning Commission adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.