

Town of Eatonville
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 19th, 2016
COMMUNITY CENTER
305 CENTER STREET WEST

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chairman Lambert introduced Andy Powell as a new member to the Planning Commission. Recently had to leave his council position due to moving outside of the town limits.

ROLL CALL

Present: **Commissioners Bertoia, Justice, Lambert, Miller and Powell.**
Commissioner Beach – Excused.

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Schaub and Kerri Murphy.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Commissioner Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bertoia move to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Justice.** AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of **December 7, 2015** minutes. **Commissioner Bertoia** motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by **Commissioner Justice.** AIF

COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no communications or announcements from the public or the commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

Madison Avenue for possible parking of semi-trucks.

Mayor Schaub explained that staff was tasked with trying to locate alternative sites for semi parking (large trucks and trailers) in town. There were a couple of spots that were discussed and that staff reviewed and did not find a lot of options. Along the east side of Madison Avenue and there is a water ditch that dips down pretty low as you get to the briars. The only access would be off of Center St E. or Oak Street because there is a 5 ton limit on Alder Street. There is room along Madison Avenue but due to the zoning designation it is still an issue. The zoning along the east side is Mixed Use and on the west side is SF-3. Semi-trucks are not allowed in residential areas and this is the same category. There is not a lot of opportunity throughout town. Where it is currently parked is the best place but it would only be until a business was built there. There is the possibility that they could park at the LeMay property but it would be up to them to contact the owners of the property.

Commissioner Powell suggested behind the old First Citizens Bank.

Mayor Schaub explained that it is private property and the owner would have to be contacted by the owner of the semi-truck. From the street side of it, there is just no parking on the streets available.

Commissioner Miller said it is unfortunate to have to deny someone but safety must come first.

Mayor Schaub said that if you wanted to park the actual cab you could do that but when you put the whole piece together it's just too much to be able to see around creating a hazard from the school exits and the Lynch Creek Road side.

Chairman Lambert confirmed that the current status is the trucks can park on Washington Ave N. on the east side, is that correct?

Mayor Schaub said that per our current code...yes.

Chairman Lambert said as long as it is less than 24 hours.

Chairman Lambert said it was code 10.18.010...

B. Trailer.

1. "Trailer" means a vehicular type unit primarily designed for the transport of freight by road drawn by truck or tractor. Trailers shall include but are not limited to semi-trailers, flat beds, utility trailers, boat trailers and equipment designed to be towed by a vehicle. Trailers that include a cabin for living accommodations including travel trailers, tent trailers, and camping trailers shall not be considered a trailer for the purposes of this chapter.

10.18.030 Trailer parking. 

A. Trailers shall not be parked on town streets or rights-of-way for more than 24 hours.

Mayor Schaub asked Kerri Murphy to confirm. Kerri said she thought that it was changed.

Commissioner Justice said she was looking around town and there just are none.

Chairman Lambert said that the only viable spots are on private property.

Mayor Schaub said if the town had a piece that would work he would put it out there.

Commissioner Miller suggested a field near 340th and Mountain Hwy. near Ohop Mutual. They may allow somebody to park there.

Mayor Schaub is sure that the owners are more concerned about their trucks being broken into.

Commissioner Miller said that you can't have a kid get run over because the truck is parked there.

Mayor Schaub said that coming off of Lynch Creek Rd. you are out in the middle of the lane if you are trying to make a left hand turn. Once out there, you are committed and depending on how fast the other person is coming, there is not a lot of reaction time. Mayor Schaub said that staff wanted to bring this information forward. Unfortunately we do not have an alternative location for someone.

Chairman Lambert said that we really do not have a viable solution other than each individual person has to negotiate something on their own.

Mayor Schaub said that even if we reached out to LeMay, he still does not know if this is an easy access. It would only be until this property is developed. If they wanted someone to pay for parking on this property then this would be between the private land owner and the person with the vehicle.

**** Excerpts from the minutes of the previous meeting on**

Public Hearing on Parking : Planning Commission Meeting of December 7, 2015

Commissioner Beach said if there is a general agreement about getting rid of "A", then he would go ahead and make the motion and then people could make amendments to that motion. He move to close the public hearing.

Commissioner Miller seconded the motion. AIF

Commissioner Beach made the motion recommending partial repeal of Ordinance 2013-8 stating,

Whereas, it is very evident that the three hour parking restriction is being violated and not enforced, thereby creating a poor image of the town's governance and administration;

Whereas, it is unlikely that the town will in the foreseeable future have the resources necessary to systematically enforce the parking restriction;

Whereas, non-systematic enforcement leads to the possibility of selective enforcement which is neither fair nor legal;

Therefore, the Planning Commission recommends that Section 110.16.015(A), Ordinance 2013-8 should be repealed in its entirety.

Commissioner Miller seconded that motion. AIF.

Commissioner Miller motion to keep the 3 hour parking at the Eatonville Town Square, 132 Mashell Ave N. **Chairman Lambert** confirmed that the motion is to retain the language in item # 6 under 106.16.015 A, and asked for a vote on the amendment.

Commissioner Justice seconded the motion. AIF.

Chairman Lambert asked for a vote on the original amendment by Commissioner Beach to remove items 1-6 under 106.16.0156 A. AIF.

Commissioner Justice made a motion to amend 10.16.015 C. 1 to read Washington Ave. from Lynch Creek Rd. to a point 300 feet south of Carter St.

Commissioner Beach seconded the motion.

Mayor Schaub asked if they wanted to make it where there is no parking at all or anything over a certain period?

Chairman Lambert said it was for commercial vehicles.

Commissioner Justice suggested it should only be while school is in session.

Kerri Murphy asked what about when there are sporting or special events at the schools.

Commissioner Beach said the people parking there live somewhere in the vicinity, as a practical matter where are they going to park their truck? He did not know of any parking areas in that vicinity.

Commissioner Miller suggested possibly the area located along the east side of Madison Ave. between Center St E and Oak St. Scrap some blackberry bushes out and they would have an area to park their semi, get in their car and drive home.

Chairman Lambert said right across from Arrow Lumber. He thought there was an issue as to where the right-of-way actually was.

Commissioner Beach suggested postponing this particular motion until the town staff can report back as to some alternate parking place for the trucks.

Chairman Lambert asked Commissioner Beach if he made motion to table the(not audible)

Commissioner Beach said it was not a motion and there was no second to it so it is not on the table.

Chairman Lambert explained that the original motion is still on the table.

Commissioner Beach said that the commission has a commitment from the administration so he has withdrawn his motion to postpone. It was not seconded so he can withdraw it.

Kerri Murphy confirmed that the original motion is from Commissioner Justice to amend 10.16.015 C. 1 to read Washington Ave. between Lynch Creek Rd. and a point 300 feet south of Carter St.

Chairman Lambert called for a vote on the amendment to commercial parking on Washington Ave. AIF.

Commissioner Beach asked **Chairman Lambert** if he wished to make an amendment to the definition of "commercial vehicle".

Commissioner Bertoia suggested that the property at the old concrete plant would be a good spot and is a huge area.

Chairman Lambert said that access there is tough coming from the town side. It would be easy access to and from Alder. **Chairman Lambert** said after discussion it looks as if there no action necessary and no viable solution.

Mayor Schaub said that staff will just move forward with the code change. If these truck owners come in we can lead them to the land owners that we know have space but it would be them and the land owners coming to their own arrangements. They may even be able to contact the school if it is over a weekend but again it would be between the schools on the truck owner(s).

Additional information in the packet was specific codes and laws that commissioners wanted verification on.

Chairman Lambert asked for the current status of the WATV Ordinance.

Mayor Schaub said that it did pass council and there is an allowed use on town streets. There were no additions or limitations. What was brought forward is what was passed. Some of the same questions were brought up that were brought up here so staff was prepared to answer them.

Mayor Schaub explained that the planner is currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan through the 2015 time frame. This will be requiring public meetings and public comments on the various pieces being updated. One of the discussions will be on property owned by the municipality such as Town Hall, Visitors Center, Community Center, sewer plant, maintenance yard and water treatment plant; any properties owned by the municipality having their own governmental zone. Time line is the first half of the year. He added that he is planning on reaching out to the University of Washington for their assistance and expertise in helping the town with their comprehensive plan.

There were no comments from public or commissioners.

Kerri Murphy said that Chairman Lambert and Commissioner Justice may not be available for the month of February Planning Commission meetings. Commissioner Miller said that he would be gone after the 20th. We may cancel the Planning Commission meeting for the month of February but you will be notified.

Mayor Schaub explained that he had come from a Finance Committee meeting before this one and they were looking at the terms for the planning commissioners. It was not seen where it is between a 5 or 7 person panel.

Next meeting: TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lambert adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Lambert

Martin Miller - Secretary

ATTEST:

Kerri Murphy – Recording Secretary