

## **BOARDMAN PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING-FEBRUARY 24, 2010**

Commission Chair Glaya Baker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and she led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Present: Glaya Baker, Paul Beagle, Kellye Finch, and Cullen Martin

Commissioners Absent: Kevin Gilbertson

Staff: Barry Beyeler-Community Development Director, and Jackie McCauley- Acting Recorder

Audience: none

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Beagle motioned to approve the minutes of December 16, 2009 as corrected. Commissioner Finch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Seat New Planning Commissioner

Cullen Martin was appointed to the Boardman Planning Commission at the January 5, 2010 City Council Meeting to serve a 3-year term ending December 31, 2012. Commissioners welcomed him aboard.

#### Resignation Letter from Steve Taylor

The Planning Commission received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Steve Taylor who has moved to Hermiston.

#### Strategic Plan

Mr. Beyeler gave each Commissioner a copy of the City of Boardman's 2009 Strategic Plan. He felt it was important to share with the Planning Commission to know the direction the Council is headed. Mr. Beyeler wanted to make clear to the Commission that this document is the Council's vision for Boardman; and the Comprehensive Plan is the legal policy for the City's decision-making. The Comprehensive Plan meets the State's Planning Goals and Guidelines.

#### Comprehensive Plan Chapter 11 – Public Facilities

Mr. Beyeler said this is the first draft for updating Chapter 11. The changes include updating the background information and the need for those changes. He had crossed off completed projects listed in the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP). Currently City staff is working on a more detailed CIP for this chapter. The updated CIP is expected to cost in excess of 20 million dollars.

#### Comprehensive Plan Chapter 12 – Transportation

Mr. Beyeler said this is the first draft for updating Chapter 12. The changes include adding in the Interchange Area Management Plan (IAMP) projects. He explained that Transportation is also in Chapter 11 because Chapter 11 addresses financing of projects, which is not a part of Chapter 12.

Commissioner Beagle asked how the City calculates cost increases to the CIP. Mr. Beyeler said they have engineers who address those calculations.

Mr. Beyeler asked the Commission for their input on both these chapters. He is looking forward to any ideas they have for the final language changes to present to City Council.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### Overpass Update

ODOT held a public meeting to discuss repair of the I84 Exit 164 overpass. It is in need of repair and they plan to close the entire bridge for 4 weeks while they do so. After hearing from some businesses in Boardman, ODOT will consider closing the overpass in June and reopen before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The City hopes to have everything in place for the South Main Street curbs and sidewalks project to do at the same time.

### Local Reuse Authority (LRA)

The LRA has been holding meetings to prepare for the realignment and closure of the Umatilla Army Depot. Cities, counties and tribal entities have been involved to determine how the land will be used. Mr. Beyeler said the City of Boardman has no plans for the property, but has been participating at the meetings. One idea the LRA is looking at is using the property for some sort of regional project, which could include the City of Boardman.

### Alternative Revenue Streams for the City of Boardman

Commissioner Martin asked how to relay ideas he has for alternative revenue streams for the City, other than taxes. Mr. Beyeler told Commissioner Martin he could approach the City Council with his ideas, or he would be happy to relay Mr. Martin's ideas to the Council.

Commissioner Martin said he had created a mock business for a college project. The business was a solid waste landfill which would produce energy, and recycle much of the solid waste. He felt this was a possible revenue stream for the City. Mr. Beyeler appreciated his "thinking outside the box" and hoped to hear more such ideas.

### Ethics Commission Ethics Law Change

Mr. Beyeler handed out information regarding the changes to the State's Ethics Law. Commissioners will only need to report annually, rather than quarterly now.

### Strategic Plan

There was discussion regarding some details of the Strategic Plan such as the community center and zoning for the \$250,000 and \$500,000 homes listed. Mr. Beyeler reiterated that the Strategic Plan is the Council's vision and not the City's policy. The Comprehensive Plan is the City's policy in which land use issues are based.

Commissioner Martin would like to discuss further with the City Council the Strategic Plan. He motioned to schedule a joint session with the City Council regarding the Strategic Plan. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commission Chair Baker said he could make such a motion, but felt it was unnecessary because it was a vision document, not policy. She said Councils change and the vision changes each time.

Mr. Beyeler suggested adding the Strategic Plan to a future Planning Commission agenda and invite the Mayor and/or some Councilors to attend to answer some questions regarding the Strategic Plan. There was Commission consensus to do so.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm**