

**Town of Eatonville
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, December 7, 2015
COMMUNITY CENTER
305 CENTER STREET WEST**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: **Commissioners Beach, Bertoia, Justice, Lambert and Miller.**

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Schaub and Kerri Murphy.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Commissioner Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Beach move to approve the agenda. Seconded by **Commissioner Miller.** AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of **November 2, 2015** minutes. **Commissioner Beach** motion to approve the corrected minutes provided to commissioners this evening. Seconded by **Commissioner Miller.** AIF

Election of Officers for 2016: Chairman – **Commissioner Beach** nominated Chairman Lambert for the Chairman position. Seconded by **Commission Justice.** AIF

Vice-Chairman- **Commissioner Beach** nominated Commissioner Justice for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by **Commissioner Miller.** AIF

Secretary – **Commissioner Justice** nominated Commissioner Miller for Secretary. Seconded by **Commissioner Bertoia.** AIF

COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PUBLIC HEARING

3 Hour Parking – Ordinance 2013-8

Mayor Schaub discussed how the 3 hour parking came to be in place in the town. The high school was under a major remodel and the high school students were attending school at the middle school. To prevent the students from parking long term, more than 3 hours in front of local businesses an ordinance was put in place. This limited parking longer than 3 hours on certain streets and parks. Mayor Schaub suggested keeping the parking lot at Nevitt Park and the Visitor's Center at minimum 3 hour parking. **Commissioner Beach** said that when he asked for this to be put on the agenda he was only asking for the 3 hour parking. He said if he was to make a motion he would simply motion to strike out Section A which has to do with 3 hour parking and leave the rest of it. If someone wanted to put back in the Visitor's Center that is fine with him but it would just be a cleaner way of amending the ordinance. Then the school loading and unloading zones are retained along with the parking of commercial vehicles.

Mayor Schaub added that the parking of the commercial vehicles addresses on the west side of Washington Ave. but there have been a lot of concerns about the east side of Washington for cars entering from Carter St. E and Lynch Creek Rd. You don't want to limit the commercial vehicle not to have the ability to stop and park. You want them to be able to stop to access the businesses.

Commissioner Beach did not have any objection with anyone making a motion regarding the east side of Washington Ave. but he was mainly focusing on the 3 hour parking, explaining that until he saw the ordinance he did realize that it included the other matters of parking so he thought it was appropriate to retain "B" and "C" under the circumstances. He added that it was up to the other commissioners also as far as how far they go with this.

Chairman Lambert said that if "C" was going to be retained he asked for a better definition of a commercial vehicle. He was pretty sure his truck was in excess of 20 feet in length.

Commissioner Beach felt that the first sentence defined what a commercial vehicle is and the second sentence is saying we are particularly interested in those that exceed 10,000 pounds etc. and he did not feel that a motorhome would fit under the first sentence.

Chairman Lambert felt that it certainly would the second. (not audible)

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 Beach said that if any of the commissioners wanted to add the town center restricted parking back into the ordinance they could do so at this time.

Commissioner Miller was concerned that if the town does not have the resources to enforce the 3 hour parking will they be able to enforce the town center and Nevitt Park parking.

Mayor Schaub thought that the students would start parking at Nevitt Park if it was not posted as 3 hour parking.

Commissioner Beach thought that they would be parking there now but thinks it's too far away.

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.

Mayor Schaub asked the commissioners if it is the town's place to provide parking for the semi-trucks and commercial vehicles.

Commissioner Beach said he did not know if there was an obligation but on the other hand if there are residents to drive commercial vehicles, they live in Eatonville,

Chairman Lambert said that on a practical matter if you want to keep the trucks off the residential streets then we should have a designated area.

Commissioner Beach said that for a while there was a semi flatbed truck parked on Carter Street at night. He didn't know if the town had an obligation but on the other hand, Eatonville is kind of remote. It isn't as though somebody is driving for interstate and lives in Tacoma and parks his truck in Eatonville. It is a different situation. They may be able to park down the hill...but they would not want to walk up the hill which is a safety issue in itself.

Mayor Schaub felt that if the truck was not parked by their residence, they are not going to be happy with it anywhere because of breaking in. He thinks the theft piece will always be an issue.

Commissioner Beach felt that if this is allowed, then they will start parking on residential streets.

Mayor Schaub explained that parking in residential areas is not allowed. With one of the drivers he agreed to only leave the trailer and not have both the tractor and trailer because it is such an issue pulling out from the side street. He can also see an issue having someplace that may not be in an area where it can be better watched.

Chairman Lambert – not audible.

Kerri Murphy explained that she and the Mayor had discussed other options for parking for the tractor-trailers like the school parking lot but they would have to be removed by a certain hour of the morning; some other areas where it would be open enough to maneuver around.

Commissioner Miller said that possibly Madison but that there were people right across the street that might not want trucks there and starting up in the early hours of the morning.

Commissioner Beach said that the trucks on Washington Ave are a safety hazard, and he agrees that it is not an issue of getting rid of them because some residents don't want them.

Mayor Schaub said that staff would check to see if there is enough shoulder to add adequate parking until the area was developed and offer that as an alternative.

Commissioner Miller said it would take care of the immediate problem which is a safety issue.

Kerri Murphy said that the Hamilton property is Mixed Use.

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".

Mayor Schaub said that he would look at that too.

DRAFT WATV –ORDINANCE 2015-XX

Mayor Schaub explained that this was the final version after the discussion at the last meeting in “draft” ordinance form after all the discussion. This has been reviewed by the attorney. There was a place holder on 10.30.050 B & C just in case there are some streets that may need to be inserted. This is mirrored after the Okanogan ATV Ordinance.

Chairman Lambert asked about 10.30.050 B. A list of public roadways designated for use by WATVs shall be publicly available and shall be accessible from the main page of the Town’s website. It was discussed that it would be easier to list the streets that were not available. (not audible)

Commissioner Beach said because it is 35 mph or less, other than the state highway is there any road in Eatonville where someone can legally drive over 35 mph.?

Mayor Schaub answered no.

Kerri Murphy read from the minutes where Doug Beagle said pg. 3, *10.30.050 Street Designation – A.1. All Eatonville public streets and roads are open to WATV’s use unless posted closed or unless designated as closed in the subsection below.*

Commissioner Beach said that there is nothing so strike out B and C. He then asked , under 10.30.040 A, if someone could explain what it says.

Commissioner Miller said if you are riding your ATV on a 35 mph road and come to a 60 mph highway, you are not allowed to cross it.

Commissioner Beach asked if it specifically says 60 mph road or highway.

Commissioner Miller said no, it is anything in excess of 35 mph.

Commissioner Beach asked if this was a state requirement.

Commissioner Miller thought it had something to do with the RCW. (RCW 47.17)

Chairman Lambert asked if the staff ever found out if a DUI is a misdemeanor or a felony.

Mayor Schaub said staff will get him an answer.

Chairman Lambert asked if 10.30.020 B. states *“appropriate on-road tab, which must be of a bright color that can be seen from a reasonable distance,”the town has nothing to do with this, this is a state issue.*

Kerri Murphy told the commissioners that this is based on the Okanogan Ordinance for ATV’s and that the attorney has reviewed its content.

Commissioner Beach suggested an orange flag for visibility.

Chairman Lambert added that the definitions should be the same language as they use in the ordinance.

Commissioner Miller said that this what the state requires and the operator does not have to have a special license for a WATV “Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle”.

Chairman Lambert – not audible.

Commissioner Beach suggested that if no special license is required for a WATV that this portion should be struck from the ordinance.

Commissioner Miller motion to send the WATV Ordinance on to council as discussed. **Commissioner Beach** seconded the motion. AIF

DISCUSSION OF DRAFT DESIGN GUIDELINES AMENDMENT

Mayor Schaub explained that this is the language that we discussed before to add the deviations for design standards. The Planning Consultant went through everything making sure everything was worded correctly; this was the end result to being able to add the departure language. After the last meeting, instead of having multiple updates to the design standards this allows the planning commission to review it and possible add any other changes that they wish to make at the same time due to the expense of adding To the EMC. This allows us intermediate time because we have some comp plan updates that will be coming forward next year that will have to be in place before we can go into changing this specific code. This will allow us to deal with any issue that comes up with Aviator Heights coming in and be able to deal with issues when it met criteria that were brought forward but also dealing with some of those that were in

the waiting to just update the code. Next year the Comprehensive Plan will be going through its process and this was going to go on the back burner to make sure that it is consistent with the comp plan. **Commissioner Beach** said he did not have any problem with this except for a major omission. The planning commission needs to have a report from staff every time there is an exemption or deviation from the Design Guidelines, that that be part of the code. This will keep the planning commissioners informed as to what is going on. This way we may see changes that we can make in the whole design code. **Mayor Schaub** agreed and apologized that it was omitted and added that it is important for the planning commission to know what happening. **Commissioner Beach** motion to approve and send it forward to the council *with addition of the provision that a report be made to the planning commission with any and all exemptions and deviations granted.* **Commissioner Miller** seconded the motion. **Commissioner Beach** said he believed the motion should be tabled until staff reports back with the changes for commissioner review. **Commissioner Miller** seconded the motion. AIF

Comments from public, commission or staff.

Mayor Schaub announced that Doug Beagle resigned effective November 9, 2015.

Next meeting: TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Lambert adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Chairman Lambert

Martin Miller - Secretary

ATTEST:

Kerri Murphy – Recording Secretary