

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING**

**KOOTENAI COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

Planning Commissioners Present:

Madeline David
David Dean
Paul Glader
David Levine
Cheri Zao
Deborah Rose
Barry Stearns

Staff Members Present:

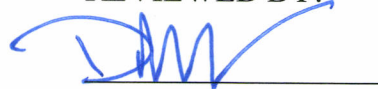
David Callahan
Pat Braden
Jennifer Conner

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PREPARED BY:



Jennifer Conner
Deputy Clerk

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REVIEWED BY:



David Levine
Chair



The Planning and Zoning Commission is an advisory board to the Board of County Commissioners.

Call to Order:

Chair Levine called the public hearing to order for September 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Rose, Dean, David, Zao, Stearns, Glader and Levine

Conflicts of Interest:

Chair Levine polled the commissioners to see if anyone believed the agenda item would create a conflict of interest for them. No conflicts were identified.

Chairman's Remarks:

Chair Levine stated that the Public Hearing tonight will address ORA22-0003 Fire District and EMS System Impact Fees which updates the Comprehensive Plan to allow the County to implement the proposed impact fees.

Chair Levine recapped the normal Public Hearing process that would be used during the hearing. Director Callahan will provide a brief overview of the proposed changes and answer questions that the planning commissioners may have. Next the hearing will be opened for public comments. Once all comments have been heard, the commissioners will move to deliberations.

Agenda Items

A. ORA22-0004 FIRE DISTRICT & EMS SYSTEMS IMPACT FEES

Staff Presentation:

Director Callahan said that the Planning Commission has been asked to approve only Appendix III AND Element (r) of the Comprehensive Plan. The other documents included in the Commissioners' packages are for information purposes only. He then asked Anne Wescott of Galena Consulting to provide a brief overview.

Ms. Wescott explained the process used to establish service levels, project growth and anticipated impact fees for each District. In responding to Commissioners' questions, she explained the roles for the separate Advisory Committees in the development of the Capital Improvement Plans and their annual review process, and the impact yearly changes in growth may have on fee structures and capital expenditures

Public Testimony:

Director Callahan stated there were 4 comment sheets submitted, all in favor, none wished to speak. There were 2 people on zoom, neither chose to speak.

Daniel Hanson-4195 S. Cloudview Dr. Commissioner for Mica Kidd Fire District spoke in favor of the proposal under consideration. He provided examples of the challenges their Fire District is facing and the effect that growth is having on their ability to maintain service levels.

The names have been submitted for the record.

Motion to close the public hearings for ORA22-0004 at 6:20 p.m. and enter into deliberations was made by Commissioner Rose, seconded by Commissioner Stearns. All voted aye by a voice vote.

Deliberations:

Chair Levine opened the deliberation period and asked if anyone had questions. In response to a question from Commissioner Rose, Prosecuting Attorney Pat Braden explained the impact if a city decided to not collect the impact fee revenue and he suggested remedies.

A motion to approve the Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement and Impact Fees Appendix III and Element (r) submitted under ORA22-0003 was made by Commissioner Rose and seconded by Commissioner Stearns. All voted aye by a roll call vote.

The recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration at an additional public hearing.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dean; seconded by Commissioner Glader. All voted aye by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.