



CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON
Planning Commission MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2018

Regular Meeting - 6:30 PM

GENERAL SESSION CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 PM

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jerry Bush	Commissioner	Present	
Jason Carnell	Chair	Present	
Stan Okinaka	Commissioner	Present	
Victoria Haugen	Commissioner	Present	
Paul Young	Commissioner	Present	
Jen Lindsay	Commissioner	Present	
Patrick Flynn	Commissioner	Present	

LATE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None

Oath of Office for New Planning Commission Member - [6:31 PM](#)

City Clerk conducted Oath of Office for Commissioner Flynn.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jen Lindsay, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Jerry Bush, Commissioner
AYES:	Bush, Carnell, Okinaka, Haugen, Young, Lindsay, Flynn

1. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, 12/6/17 Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes.

BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing and Recommendation - Overnight Camping - [6:34 PM](#)

Seeing that our municipal code is silent on matters having to do with camping, it was recommended that an ordinance be drafted to offer guidance and a framework of rules having

to do with camping within the city limits. This ordinance has been drafted with input from our city attorney, our WCIA legal representatives and in light of current court decisions regarding public camping.

Chair Carnell opened the hearing at 6:34pm

Chief Brooks addressed late changes in the ordinance then summarized the ordinance. Slide show was included.

Richard Amerman - resident

- Ordinance looks great, key points were well thought out
- Permit section - opportunity for City to have something in writing to handle special cases with some flexibility

Chair Carnell closed the public section of the hearing at 6:44pm, turned over to City staff to answer questions

The Commissioners had questions about:

- Property ownership
- City authority to enter private property to verify camping
- What precipitated this ordinance
- If the ordinance applies just within City limits
- Notification to the public about the new ordinance
- Campers parked in front of a residence
- Camping paraphernalia on Fourth of July
- HOA/CC&Rs

Motion to recommend approval and forward the overnight camping ordinance to City Council for final action.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Stan Okinaka, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Patrick Flynn, Commissioner
AYES:	Bush, Carnell, Okinaka, Haugen, Young, Lindsay, Flynn

PUBLIC COMMENT - [7:04 PM](#)

Richard Amerman - resident

- Developers use cookie cutter CC&Rs. Can HOAs work with the City to tailor CC&Rs to strengthen the main goals of the HOA?

STAFF REPORTS - [7:10 PM](#)

Jeff Niten - A short course on Planning will take place in Vancouver, WA on 3/26/2018 at 6pm. Jeff Niten invited commissioners to attend. The City's Permit Technician, Commissioner Flynn, and some council members will attend. If any other Planning Commissioners are planning to attend, please notify Jeff Niten.

Home building lots are at 227 in the last three months. Building permits will be going up this year, nearly 30 in January.

FROM THE COMMISSION

The Planning Commission members shared any special events they had attended since the last meeting:

Carnell - suggested Flynn to attend some public events

Lindsay - attended December Parks Board meeting

Haugen - attended Friends of the Wildlife Refuge

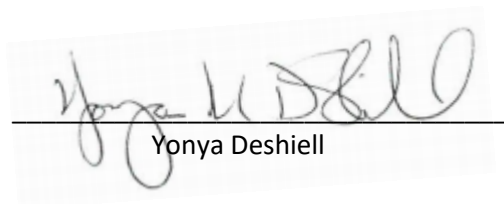
Young - Port of Ridgefield, attended January meeting, talked about 2018 agenda

Bush - no updates

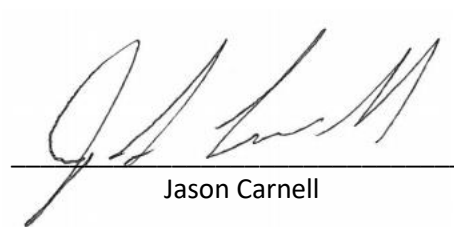
Carnell - no updates

Okinaka - Ridgefield Main Street, letters have been sent to all business members in Ridgefield, regarding B&O taxes

ADJOURN - [7:17 PM](#)



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Jason Carnell