



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes November 30, 2022

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2 **1. 6:45 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

3 Chair Casino called the November 30, 2022, of the Special Thurston County Planning
4 Commission to order at 6:45 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.
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6 **Attendance:** Thurston County Commissioners Eric Casino (Chair), Doug Karman (Vice-
7 Chair), Barry Halverson, Scott Nelson, Jim Simmons, Derek Day, Kevin Pestinger and
8 Helen Wheatley. City of Olympia Commissioners: Tracey Carlos (Vice Chair), Gregory
9 Quetin, Carole Richmond, Tammy Adams, Candi Millar and Aaron Sauerhoff.

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11 **Absent:** Thurston County Commissions: Joel Hansen. City of Olympia Commissioners:
12 Zainab Nejat, Rad Cunningham, and William Hannah.
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14 **Staff:** Thurston County Staff: Leah Davis, Maya Teeple and Andrew Deffobis. City of
15 Olympia Staff: Joyce Phillips and Cari Hornbein.
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17 **2. 6:45 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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19 **MOTION: Commissioner Day moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Karman**
20 **seconded. Motion carried as amended.**
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22 Add quick procedural discussion before Public Hearing.
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24 **3. 6:47 P.M. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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26 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the October 26, 2022, meeting**
27 **minutes. Commissioner Karman seconded. Motion carried.**
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29 The audio recording is the official record of the above-dated meetings. The information
30 herein is provided as an overview of the meeting and a road map to the audio recording.
31 Audio is available online at:

32 [http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.h](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html)
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35 **4. 6:48 P.M. PROCEDURAL CHECK IN**

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37 Chair Casino asked staff what the process will be to provide a recommendation. Ms. Teeple
38 confirmed, this being a joint meeting, the discussion will happen for both groups tonight,
39 and if need be, we will set up another joint work session if no consensus is made for a
40 recommendation. When a recommendation is ready to be accepted, Thurston County and
41 Olympia will have their own recommendations.
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1 5. 6:55 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which
2 public hearings have been held.)
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4 None

5 (There was a short recess until the Public Hearing)
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7 Continued Business
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9 6. 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING: OLYMPIA JOINT PLAN

10 (Thurston County Staff: Leah Davis, Maya Teeple; City of Olympia Staff: Joyce Phillips)
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12 Chair Casino opened the public hearing.
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14 Ms. Davis presented a Power Point and provided an overview of the Olympia Joint Plan.
15 There were 3 written comments submitted.
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17 Chair Casino provided the instructions for public testimony.
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- 19 1. Loretta Seppanen, Olympia, WA
20 2. Tom Schrader, Olympia, WA
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22 Chair Casino closed the public hearing at 7:20 pm.
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24 7. 7:20 P.M. WORK SESSION: OLYMPIA JOINT PLAN

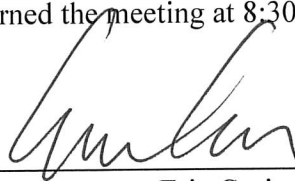
25 (Thurston County Staff: Leah Davis, Maya Teeple; City of Olympia Staff: Joyce Phillips,
26 Cari Hornbein)
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28 The was much discussion and concern by the Thurston County Planning Commissioners
29 on the draft joint plan as written. Some thought the plan looked more like a plan for the
30 City of Olympia rather than for the Urban Growth Area. A consensus was made to keep
31 discussing options to change the plan, specifically, adding to the goals and policies to
32 reflect more protection for farmlands, add more subareas to the plan in the future, explore
33 future changes in the approach of planning for UGA's. The City also suggested changing
34 the introduction to include why the city is bringing up policies that may apply only to the
35 UGA and not neighborhoods within the cities.
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37 A doodle poll will be sent out soon to schedule the next meeting in January to continue
38 the conversation.
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40 8. 8:30 P.M. ADJOURN
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42 With no further business, Chair Casino adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
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Eric Casino, Chair

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