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2 1. 6:31 PM CALL TO ORDER

3 Chair Casino called the Thurston County Planning Commission meeting on July 10, 2023, to
4 order at 6:31 PM Commissioners provided self-introductions.
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6 **Attendance:** Eric Casino (Chair), Derek Day (Vice Chair), Helen Wheatley, Jim Simmons,
7 Kevin Pestinger, Scott Nelson, Joel Hansen.

8 **Yelm Planning Commission:** Carloz Perez (Chair), Anne Wahrmund, Jerry Fugich, John
9 Thomson, Richard Lomsdale, Robert Howard

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11 **Absent:** Barry Halverson, John Graver
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13 **Thurston Staff:** Amelia Schwartz, Jeremy Davis

14 **Yelm Staff:** Gary Cooper
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16 2. 6:45 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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18 **MOTION: Commissioner Nelson moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**
19 **Simmons seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.**
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21 3. 6:47 PM APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22 None
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24 The audio recording is the official record of the above-dated meetings. The information
25 herein is provided as an overview of the meeting and a road map to the audio record-
26 ing. Audio is available online on the [Thurston County Planning Commission](https://www.thurstoncountypa.gov/planning-commission) website.
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28 4. 6:48 PM. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which
29 public hearings have been held.)
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33 New Business

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36 Continued Business
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38 5. 7:00 PM. PUBLIC HEARING: CPA-1, THE CITY OF YELM & THURSTON
39 COUNTY JOINT PLAN:

40 1. Howard Glastetter
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42 6. 7:03 PM WORK SESSION #2: CPA-1, THE CITY OF YELM & THURSTON
43 COUNTY JOINT PLAN RECCOMENDATION.

1 Ms. Schwartz presented updated information regarding the Yelm Joint Plan. The information
2 provided answered previous questions the Commissioners had, as well as a review of the public
3 comments received. Chair Perez asked if Map 1a would be included in the draft plan. Commis-
4 sioner Wheatley commented most citizens recognize an aerial map. All Commissioners agree to
5 include Map 1a.

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7 Commissioner Wheatley is concerned with the new legislation on climate change. Ms. Schwartz
8 answered that climate change will be addressed in the Thurston 2045 Comprehensive Plan.
9 Commissioner Wheatley asked if the City of Yelm would be addressing that in their Comprehen-
10 sive Plan Update. Mr. Cooper replied that they hired a consultant to help with the Yelm 2045
11 update, which helps review all new legislation for addition to the City of Yelm's Comprehensive
12 Plan Update. Mr. Cooper goes on to explain that the City of Yelm has recently completed a hab-
13 itat conservation plan. The City of Yelm will change some of its permitting processes as well as
14 make sure that pocket gopher's habitat is conserved. By doing this, The City would have more
15 open space.

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17 Commissioner Wheatley suggested adding a part of a public comment which describes agricul-
18 tural land outside of the Yelm UGA. The rest of the commissions agreed on the addition.
19 Commissioner Pestinger is concerned with water and housing. His concern with the language
20 surrounding housing is there is nothing in the plan that states there will be diversified or afford-
21 able housing. Mr. Cooper states that the City of Yelm just adopted a housing action plan which
22 establishes the goals and strategies for a diversity of housing. The City of Yelm has consulted
23 other cities within the county to build a process to allocate the different levels of housing. Com-
24 missioner Pestinger asked about water resources for housing. The City of Yelm has water rights
25 up to 2036 and approximately 6-7,000 new resident dwellings.

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27 **MOTION: Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the City of Yelm and**
28 **Thurston County Joint Plan update by a full repeal and replace.**
29 **Motion was carried unanimously.**

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32 **Other Business**

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35 7. [7:33 PM](#) STAFF UPDATES

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38 8. [7:34 PM](#) CALENDAR

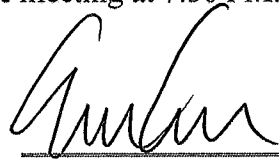
39 No calendar updates

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41 9. [7:35 PM](#) GOOD OF THE ORDER

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2 10. 7:36 PM ADJOURN
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4 With no further business, Chair Casino adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.
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10 Eric Casino, Chair

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