

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 16, 2000**

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Commissioners' Staff Meeting. |
| 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition. |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Work Session – Operations Division Manager/District Maintenance Supervisors. |
| *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | <u>Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Presentation – Retirement Certificate to Robin LaRue, Solid Waste Division Manager, for 30 Years of Service to Skagit County.2) Presentation – Certificate of Good Practice to the Skagit County Public Works Department from the County Road Administration Board.3) Miscellaneous. |
| *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | <u>Planning & Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Update on Growth Management Act Compliance Efforts.2) Miscellaneous. |
| 11:00 a.m. – Noon | Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony on a Proposal to Amend Skagit County Code 15.24, Addressing Buildings and Naming Roads. |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition. |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 16, 2000, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart, and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Presentation – Retirement Certificate to Robin LaRue, Solid Waste Division Manager, for 30 Years of Service to Skagit County.

Chal Martin, Director, reviewed the work history of Robin LaRue, Solid Waste Division Manager. He outlined Mr. LaRue's career accomplishments, noting that he was in a leadership role for 22 of his 30 years of service. He stated that Mr. LaRue was always willing and able to take on additional responsibilities. Each of the Commissioners thanked Mr. LaRue for his service to Skagit County, acknowledging his many years of loyalty to the County.

The Board presented Mr. LaRue with a Certificate of Commendation for his 30 years of service to Skagit County.

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2. Presentation – Certificate of Good Practice to the Skagit County Public Works Department from the County Road Administration Board.

The Board presented Mr. Martin the Certificate of Good Practice from the County Road Administration Board. Commissioner Hart noted that receiving this Certificate qualifies the County for continued State funding.

3. Miscellaneous.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, gave the Board an update on the Cook Road project. He explained recent discussions with the Department of Ecology regarding the bridges involved in the project. He reported that the Contractor is working diligently and is making good progress. Mr. Flude also stated that additional days had been added to the contract due to the poor weather of last week.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh, Director.

1. Update on Growth Management Act Compliance Efforts.

Tom Karsh, Director, reviewed that this session would outline compliance efforts of the Department regarding Growth Management Act (“GMA”) issues. He gave some background of the situation. He reported that in mid-summer of last year consolidated efforts resulted in the “Fall GMA Package.” In November, the remaining changes to the County Comprehensive Plan, Countywide Planning Policies, and Unified Development Code were released for public review. Two public hearings were held on November 30 and December 2, 1999, before the Planning Commission, with the written comment period expiring on December 17, 1999. For the next three months the Planning Commission and Planning Department deliberated on all of the comments, and these deliberations resulted in the Spring 2000 Package, which consisted of revisions to these documents. The Spring Package was presented to the public, with the comment period ending May 15 at noon. Mr. Karsh stated that there are around 1,200 to 1,600 pages of comments, which is fewer than the Fall package. He reported that Staff is now consolidating and indexing these documents and preparing an executive summary of the comments, which would start the next round of deliberations with the Planning Commission.

He reviewed the timetable for the next few weeks.

Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, indicated that Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) changes were added in as staff comments, as Staff wanted to insure such comments were included in the public comment period.

A discussion ensued on the issues surround the CAO.

Carol Ehlers, member of the Planning Commission, stated that such changes to the CAO represent a substantive change that was not argued before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Karsh clarified that when the CAO was deliberated before the Planning Commission as part of the Fall Package, Staff and Legal Counsel advised the Planning Commission that the Board of County Commissioners had recently passed an interim CAO, which was subject to appeal. Therefore, it would not make sense for the Planning Commission to spend much time with the document until a ruling from the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) was received. In the interim, as deliberations were completed, legal briefs in the appeal were passed back and forth, and it became clear that there were some clarifications needed in the Spring Package that would take care of many of the issues brought up in the appeal. Such changes were made in the Spring Package, and will now be subject to public testimony and comment. Mr. Karsh reported that the Planning Commission will be reviewing these proposed changes.

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Mr. Karsh stated that the indexing of the written correspondence would be completed by this afternoon and delivered to the Board. Copies will also be transmitted to the Planning Commission members.

Mr. Karsh indicated that there would be a meeting with Buck & Gordon at the Planning Department Office on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to discuss major issues raised in the public comments received. He reviewed the Planning Commission agenda for the next few weeks, noting the possibility of the need for a Saturday meeting on June 3rd.

Mr. Karsh reported that Staff would spend Friday and Monday preparing an executive summary of major issues and response to public comments.

He reviewed the Planning Commission schedule of meetings, with the goal of a recorded motion to be made by the Planning Commission on Thursday, June 8. On Wednesday, June 14, the Board will receive the transmitted Planning Commission recorded motion regarding GMA compliance issues.

Mr. Karsh further reported that the CAO appeal hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday before the WWGMHB at 9:00 a.m. in the County's hearing rooms. Such hearing may result in some changes that the Board may need to consider in the June deliberations regarding the CAO package. The subject matter would be buffer issues and salmon protection issues. There is also a public hearing before the Board scheduled for May 30 starting at 2:30 p.m. to consider re-adopting all of the currently in place interim ordinances, the result of a Stipulation requirement with the Friends of Skagit County. He briefly explained the provisions of the Stipulation.

Commissioner Anderson reminded Staff that Friends of Skagit County are those who violated the agreement.

2. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous Planning items for discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER TESTIMONY ON A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SKAGIT COUNTY CODE 15.24, ADDRESSING BUILDINGS AND NAMING ROADS.

Mario Brown, Geographic Information Services Department, reviewed the proposed changes to Skagit County Code 15.24, explaining that the goal of the proposed changes is to reduce areas in the document left up to interpretation and to make general housekeeping corrections. He explained the need to eliminate items left to interpretation and to have structured rules and guidelines so as to implement an element of fairness throughout the process of addressing buildings and naming roads. He presented a Powerpoint presentation illustrating the major changes to the Code and giving examples of particular problems in the current Code.

Following Mr. Brown's comprehensive presentation, Commissioner Wolden opened the public hearing.

Corey Schmidt, Building Official, Skagit County, indicated that the changes proposed by the GIS/Mapping Department are a great improvement over the existing Code, but suggested some friendly amendments. He asked that in Section 4 of the Ordinance, Item 11, there should be the ability to assign more than one address without having to go through the Special Use Permit process. He suggested deleting the "Special Use Permit" language from this section.

Mr. Brown replied that secondary buildings would not have to go through the Special Use Process.

Mr. Schmidt asked for clarification in Section 8 as to which County Department is responsibility for such ordinances. He suggested that the GIS/Mapping Department should be the official point of contact and the responsible entity for this Ordinance.

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Commissioner Anderson concurred that the GIS/Mapping Department should be the point of contact for this Ordinance.

Geoff Almvig, GIS/Mapping Director, reviewed the various departments that had been involved in the addressing process in the past, and indicated that, from a technological point of view, the responsibility might now always reside in the GIS/Mapping area of expertise.

Chairman Wolden stated that, technology aside, he felt that the GIS/Mapping Department should be the point of contact for addressing information and processing. Commissioner Hart concurred.

Mr. Schmidt further commented that there may be additional changes in this regard proposed in the adoption of the Development Code throughout Title 15.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Anderson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the proposed changes to Skagit County Code Section 15.24, Addressing Buildings and Naming Roads, with the addition in Section 8, sub 1, third line, to "shall be kept on file in the office of the Geographic Information Services Department" of Skagit County. He also moved to change Section 4, sub 11, first line, by putting a period after "legal parcel of land" and deleting "Special Use Permit." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and passed with a unanimous vote. **(Ordinance to be provided by Staff at a later date)**

MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff presented a Grant Deed of Conservation Easement with James A. Cronin and Mary A. Cavanaugh for a conservation easement protecting 4.2 acres of riparian habitat along the Samish River near Prairie Road. Staff advised that this easement is not extinguishing a development right. The County will pay \$6,000 for such easement. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Conservation Easement as presented, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04900)**

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Wolden made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robert Hart, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
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