

MINUTES

Clallam County Planning Commission

Meeting of September 18, 2024, 6:00 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
- C. ROLL CALL: Members present were Chair Steve Gale, Vice-Chair Ron Long, Tom Butler, Ken Reandeau, Katina Hester, Jane Hielman and Dann May. Bruce Emery, Director, Donella Clark, Principal Planner and Enrique Valenzuela, Assistant Planner represented staff from the Department of Community Development. Pam Rushton, Assessor, and Pam McCarter, Public Benefit Administrator, represented the Assessor's Office
- D. WELCOME: Chair Gale welcomed all in attendance and our newest member Dann May.
- E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ken Reandeau made a motion to approve the minutes from August and Katina Hester seconded with corrections. Motion passed.
- F. ANNOUNCEMENTS: PW has been giving input regarding roundabouts on Hwy 101 and WSDOT provides a quarterly report to the Commissioners. Philosophy from the County is that 101 is our arterial and should move traffic. WSDOT 101 study can be found at the link: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/construction-planning/search-studies/us-101-paving-pre-design-study>
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None
- H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None
- I. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: None
- J. WORK SESSION ITEMS: Staff welcomed Pam Rushton and Pam McCarter to provide information on taxing programs and discuss the Open Space Program. Timber and Agriculture are programs are administered through State Statute. The Open Space Program is administered through adopted ordinances and some County's do not have the program. Commission discussed reasons to have the program and parcels that should qualify as a public benefit. Since the taxes are shifted there needs to be a clear benefit. Staff discussed audits of the program and it was suggested staff consider a renewal or some verification of compliance be written into the ordinance. There was discussion about public access as a component and having minimum sizes to qualify. Staff will bring a draft back to the Commission in later October or November.
- K. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None
- L. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
- M. GOOD OF THE ORDER: None
- N. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at __7:30__ p.m.