

**TOWN OF YARROW POINT
SPECIAL JOINT TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

October 26, 2023

7:00 p.m.

The Town Council and the Planning Commission of the Town of Yarrow Point, Washington met in special joint session on Tuesday, October 26, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Town Hall.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Katy Harris; Councilmembers Stephan Lagerholm, Carl Scandella, Chuck Porter, Kathy Smith, and Andy Valaas.

PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT: Chair Carl Hellings, David Feller, Chuck Hirsch, Jeffrey Shiu (remotely), and Lee Sims.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk-Treasurer Bonnie Ritter (remotely), Planner Aleksandr Romanenko, Town Attorney Emily Romanenko, and Deputy Clerk Austen Wilcox

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hellings called the Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3.1 – PRIVATE PROPERTY TREE CODE DISCUSSION

Planner Romanenko reviewed the background of the tree code and the options as he sees them. Discussion revolved around the current tree code, and when adopted was done so with the belief that this was a starting point, and the code would probably have to be amended as issues come to light. Property rights versus maintaining a tree canopy seems to be the main issue, among other discussed items.

MOTION by Valaas, seconded by Smith to add the private property tree code to the Planning Commission work plan with the expectation that a report would come back to Council by May of 2024. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3.2 – EAGLE PROTECTION DISCUSSION

Planner Romanenko reviewed the background of the eagle protection project since the Council added it to the Planning Commission's work plan in May. The Planning Commission has received feedback from experts as well as the public, which resulted in the draft ordinance included in the agenda packet.

The Planning Commission will continue their research on eagle habitat locations in the Town and continue to develop the draft ordinance. The Mayor will put this item on the November Council agenda for further discussion.

4. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Hirsch to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. All voted in favor. Motion carried.



Carl Hellings, Chairman



Attest: Austen Wilcox, Deputy Clerk