

City of Selah  
**Planning Commission Minutes**  
Of  
April 02, 2024

A. Call to Order

Chairman Smith calls the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Chairman Smith, Vice Chair Apodaca, Commissioner: Graf.  
Members Absent: Commissioner Elliott.  
Staff Present: Jeff Peters, City Planner.  
Guest: Tom Beckwith on Zoom.

C. Agenda Changes

D. Communications

1. Oral - None
2. Written - None

E. Approval of Minutes

***1. Approval of minutes from March 19, 2024***

Chairman Smith asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2024 meeting.

Commissioner Graf makes a motion.

Commissioner Apodaca seconds.

Minutes are approved with a voice vote of 3-0.

F. Public Hearings

Selah Municipal Code Amendments to Title 11 Building Codes.

Mr. Peters presents the Staff Report for the SMC Amendments to Title 11 Building Codes to update the Building Codes from the current 2018 versions to the 2021 versions.

Chairman Smith makes a motion to accept the Selah Municipal Code Amendments to Title 11 Building Codes and move the recommendation of the Planning Commission on to the City Council.

Commissioner Graf seconds.

The Planning Commission recommendation is approved to move to City Council for the Selah Municipal Code Amendments to Title 11 Building Codes with a voice vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Graf states “we’re required to approve this energy 2021 building code but let’s make sure that everyone is on the same page with, by doing so we know that we’re increasing the cost of building so we’re just making it hard to tackle our next objective of affordable housing”.

Chairman Smith motions to reconsider the motion to approve the Selah Municipal Code Amendments to Title 11 Building Codes.

Commissioner Graf seconds.

The motion to reconsider the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Selah Municipal Code Amendments to Title 11 Building Codes passes with a voice vote of 3-0.

Commissioner Graf motions to add to the recommendation in the Planning Commission findings document a section for the 2021 Energy Efficiency Code, “acknowledging by adopting we are increasing the cost of building which will in turn create more of a challenge for our Affordable Housing & Housing Action Plan.”

Chairman Smith seconds.

The Planning Commission recommendation with amended findings is approved to move to City Council for the Selah Municipal Code Amendments to Title 11 Building Codes with a voice vote of 3-0.

Chairman Smith moves to close the Public Hearing.

G. General Business

1. Old Business - None
2. New Business -

Tom Beckwith shares a PowerPoint presentation for ADU/Middle Housing Analysis on Zoom.

Mr. Peters presents possible updates to be made to SMC Title 10 (Sections 10.12, 10.14, 10.16).

H. Reports/Announcements

1. Chairman - None
2. Commissioners - None

3. Staff -

Mr. Peters shares that there will be no Planning Commission meeting on April 16, 2024.

H. Adjournment

Chairman Smith motions to adjourn.

Commissioner Graf seconds.

Chairman Smith adjourns the meeting at 7:19pm with a voice vote of 3-0.

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Chairman, Lisa Smith