

City of Medical Lake
124 S. Lefevre Street – City Council Chambers
Planning Commission Meeting
October 24, 2024, Minutes

NOTE: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting is on file and available from City Hall.

1) CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

- a) Commissioner Hudson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted roll call.
 - i) Commissioner Mark submitted a request for absence from this meeting. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Jorgenson, seconded by Commissioner Mayulianos. Commissioner Hudson asked for any discussion, Commissioner Munson asked if the expectation should be that a Commissioner attends via Zoom even if on vacation. Other Commissioners said no unless it became too frequent. Motion carried 4-0.

2) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- a) No additions. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Munson, carried 4-0.

3) INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

- a) none

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 26, 2024

- a) Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Munson, carried 4-0.

5) STAFF REPORTS

- a) Elisa Rodriguez, City Planner – City Council approved the Coney Island dock appeal. The five foot width limit was revoked and the design was returned to the original with room for discussion. MLMC Text Amendment workshop held at the last council meeting with Council in favor of moving forward. A public hearing will be held on the topic at the November 5th City Council meeting. Thanked Commissioner Mayulianos for distributing the Conversations About Community newsletter. Hopes to have a rough draft of the land capacity analysis by the next Commission meeting.

6) SCHEDULED ITEMS

- a) Comprehensive Plan Overview – Economic Development
 - i) Ms. Rodriguez gave a presentation (see attached). Discussion – Commissioner Hudson asked if the city was with the Better Business Bureau – yes, members. Commissioner Munson and Medical Lake resident Diane Nichols both reported that local teens have stated that the water at Medical Lake is “gross”. Sonny Weathers, City Administrator responded that the city only cares for the parks not the water. The lake belongs to the state and US so there are permits required to do anything to the water. Commissioner Mayulianos asked about the Urban Growth Area and Ms. Rodriguez responded briefly.
- b) Comprehensive Plan Overview – Natural Environment
 - i) Ms. Rodriguez gave a presentation (see attached). Commissioner Hudson asked if the signage

around the lake had QR codes to make it interactive. Mr. Weathers - no, but might be something to look into.

- c) Education Packet
 - i) Commissioner Mayulianos gave a status update and requested to table to next month. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Jorgenson, seconded by Commissioner Hudson, carried 4-0.
- d) Sister Cities
 - i) Commissioner Munson discussed this topic which was in the handout he provided in the agenda. The handout previewed the last four scheduled items on the agenda. He would be happy to take the lead on the Sister Cities idea if the Commission is favorable to move forward. Commission discussed. Motion to present idea to City Council and select Commissioner Munson to represent made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Jorgenson, carried 4-0.
- e) Downtown Park Name Candidates
 - i) Commissioner Munson reviewed this topic that was in the above-mentioned handout. He thinks there could be a better name for Coney Island Park. Asking for feedback on changing the name. Commissioner Mayulianos suggested doing a contest with the public to name the park. Motion to select Commissioner Mayulianos to present the idea to City Council made by Commissioner Hudson, seconded by Commissioner Munson, carried 4-0.
- f) Monuments
 - i) Commissioner Munson reviewed this topic from his handout. Discussed possibilities for entry monuments to represent Medical Lake. He spoke with Mayor Cooper and discussed her desires. Asked for input from the Commission. Discussed and decided that it would be brought forward again after the first of the year.
- g) Design Standards
 - i) Commissioner Munson shared his ideas on design standards for the city and his belief that current issues (existing eyesores) can be worked on while also working on future design standards. Asked Mr. Weathers for an update on current issues. Good progress on the worst offenders. Commissioner Mayulianos asked for an update on vacant buildings. Mr. Weathers shared about the recent Vacant Properties ordinance, registration is in process and there is good momentum. Ms. Rodriguez also gave an update on some recent improvements and shared that citizens will have an opportunity to provide input on design, branding, and the look for downtown during the placemaking section of the Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Weathers shared desire to see a downtown master plan as part of the economic development piece of the Comprehensive Plan. Public spaces are a great place to start with design standards. Asked for input from Commissioners. Each shared ideas. Commissioner Munson asked Ms. Nichols, resident of Medical Lake that was on Zoom, to share her input.

7) **PUBLIC HEARING** – None

8) **COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS OR CONCERNS**

- a) Commissioner Mayulianos asked Ms. Rodriguez if the Conversations About Community newsletter will continue. Yes. Asked about business cards for Commissioners. They will be inquired about. Shared that her neighbor is artist and wants to do a mural, another friend wants to put a gallery on the corner.
- b) Commissioner Hudson asked Mr. Weathers if the solar array at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has made a large impact on energy costs. Mr. Weathers stated the the director of the WWTP, Steve Cooper, reported to City Council that they are seeing about a one-thousand dollar per month savings.

9) **INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**

- a) Diane Nichols, Medical Lake resident – shared that there are comments on Facebook regarding the quality of the lake. Asked the city to look into having the state review the quality of the lake.

Shared comments on city development and citizen input.

10) CONCLUSION

- a) Motion to conclude at 6:55 pm made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Jorgenson, carried 6:55 pm.

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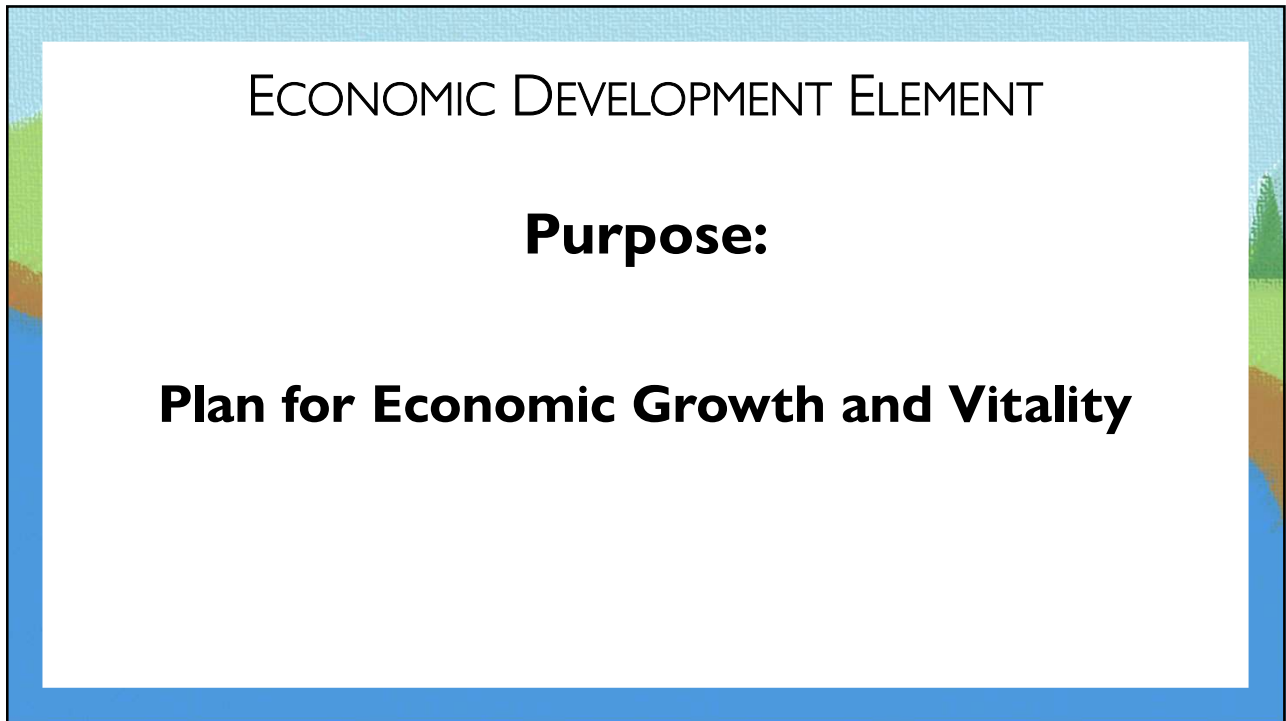
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CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY

Updating Medical Lake's Comprehensive Plan

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

Purpose:

Plan for Economic Growth and Vitality

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

The City will have a pedestrian-oriented and prosperous downtown serving residents and tourists.

3

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

The City will have retained and built upon its cultural heritage.

4

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

The City will be a destination for recreation, which will have spurred numerous business starts.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

The City will have streamlined permitting services that has fostered confidence in the development community by assuring the City is known as a good business partner.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

The City will support local businesses to help retain and expand opportunities.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

The City will have invested in infrastructure to assure economic stability.

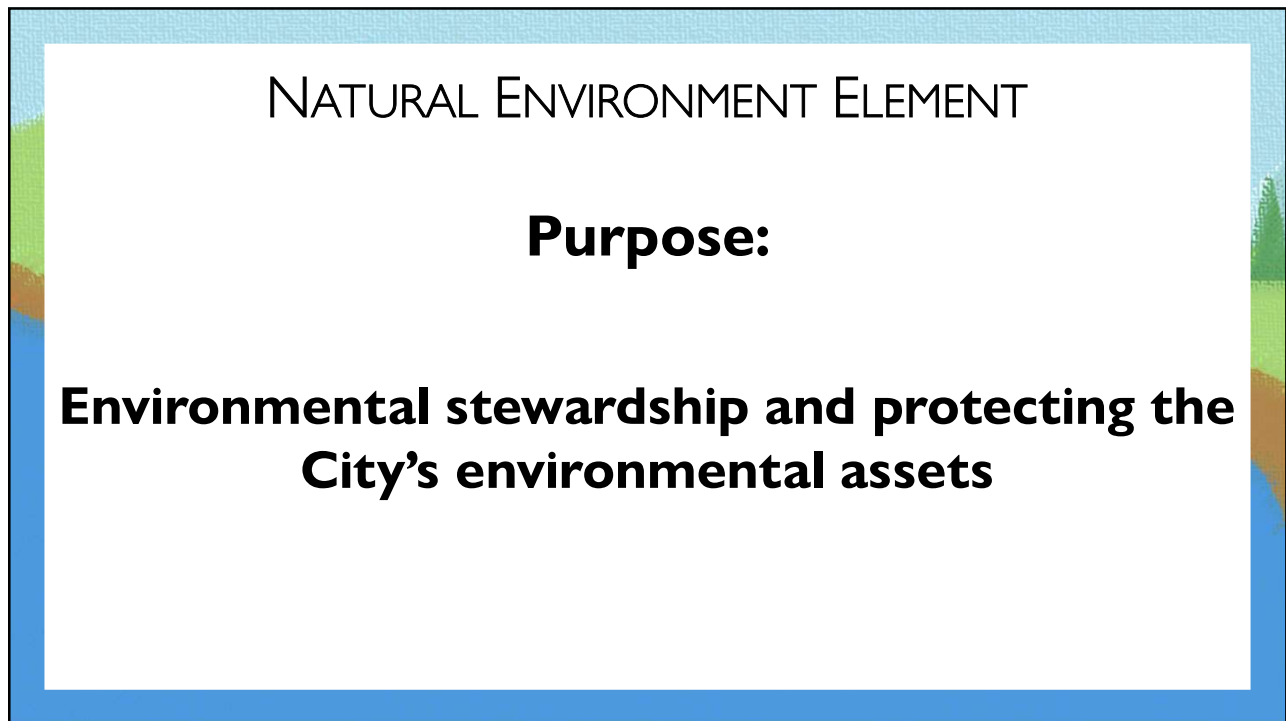
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

The City will be vibrant, recreation-oriented, and healthy due to investments in public amenities.



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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT

The City will have protected, improved, and sustained environmental quality through best management practices and the use of best available science.

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT

The City will have protected environmentally critical areas from damage caused by encroachment and development

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT

The City will have maintained and monitored a shoreline master plan to enhance and and protect the quality of the shoreline environment while providing public access.

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT

The City will have natural areas incorporated throughout the community.

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NATURAL ENVIRONMENT ELEMENT

The City will maintain city-owned natural areas to provide an asset while addressing wildfire prevention.