City of Medical Lake 124 S. Lefevre Street – City Council Chambers

Planning Commission Meeting October 16, 2025, Minutes

NOTE: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting is available on the City of Medical Lake's YouTube channel where meetings are livestreamed.

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

- a) Commissioner Veliz called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and conducted roll call.
 - i) Commissioner Munson resigned so he is not present. Commissioner Mark was present on Zoom. Commissioners Veliz and Mayulianos were present in person. Commissioner Twohig had a death in the family and requested an absence. Motion to approve absence request made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Mark, carried 3-0.

2) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

a) Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Mark, carried 3-0.

3) INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS - None

- 4) <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> September 25, 2025
 - a) Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mark, seconded by Commissioner Mayulianos, carried 3-0.

5) STAFF REPORTS

a) Elisa Rodriguez, City Planner – shared that Commissioner Munson resigned from the Commission and explained next steps for replacing him. Also shared that a replacement would be needed for the Commission representative on the Periodic Update Steering Committee. She will ask for a representative at the November meeting.

6) SCHEDULED ITEMS

- a) Comprehensive Plan: Trends and Opportunities Ms. Rodriguez reviewed the documents provided in the agenda. Trends what has been happening in community. Opportunities where do we go from here. These are talking points to discuss. Spoke with Commissioner Mark on a phone call and addressed questions and comments she had.
- b) Periodic Update: 2026 Review and Adoption Schedule
 - i) Ms. Rodriguez gave a presentation. See attached.

7) PUBLIC HEARING – None

8) COMMISSION MEMBERS' COMMENTS OR CONCERNS

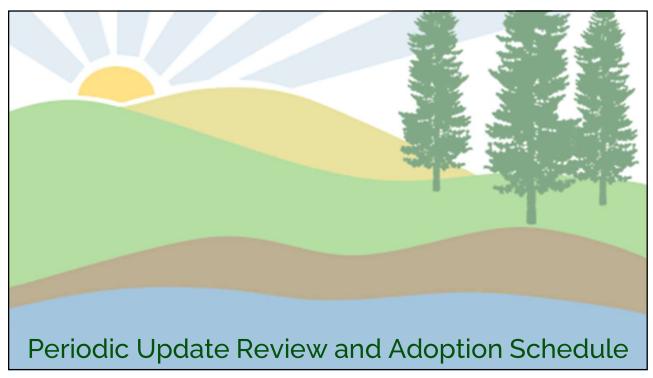
- a) Commissioner Mayulianos learned that the benches she inquired about at the last meeting were provided by Spokane and given to local artists and will be placed in Spokane. She is working with her granddaughter to create benches for Medical Lake using recycled bottle caps.
- b) Commissioner Veliz thanked Ms. Rodriguez for all the information she provided.

9) INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – None.

10) CONCLUSION

a) Motion to conclude at 6:19pm made by Commissioner Mayulianos, seconded by Commissioner Mark, carried 3-0.

Roxanne Wright	11/20/25
Roxanne Wright, Administrative Clerk	Date



Meeting						Development Regula	ation Subject Groups				
Date	Comprehensive Plan	Amendment Criteria	Enforcement	Street Vacations	Zones	Affordable Housing	Specialized Housing	Transportation	Subdivisions	ImpactFees	Critical Areas
Nov 20, 2025		PC Workshop	PC Workshop								
Dec 2, 2025		CC Idea Workshop									
Dec 16, 2025											
Dec 18, 2025		PC Hearing		PC Workshop							
Jan 6, 2026		OC Language Workshop	CC Language Workshop								
Jan 20, 2026											
Jan 22, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Intro/Part 1				PC Workshop						
Feb 3, 2026		OC Hearing / 1st Read	OC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Idea Workshop							
Feb 17, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Intro/Part 1	CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC 2nd Read / Adoption		CC Idea Workshop						
Feb 26, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 2				PC Hearing	PC Workshop					
Mar 3, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 2			OC Language Workshop							
Mar 17, 2026				CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop					
Mar 26, 2026	PC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 3					PC Heating	PC Workshop				
Apr 7, 2026	CC Workshop: Comp Plan Part 3			CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Hearing / 1st Read		CC Idea Workshop				
Apr 16, 2026	PC Hearing: Comprehensive Plan						PC Hearing	PC Workshop			
Apr 21, 2026	CC Hearing / 1st Read: Comprehensive Plan				CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Language Workshop					
May 5, 2026	CC 2nd Read/Adoption: Comprehensive Plan						CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop			
May 19, 2026						OC Hearing / 1st Read	OC Hearing / 1st Read				
May 28, 2026								PC Hearing	PC Workshop		
Jun 2, 2026						CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC 2nd Read / Adoption				
Aun 16, 2026								CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop		
Jun 25, 2026									PC Hearing	PC Workshop	
Jul 7, 2026								CC Hearing / 1st Read	CC Language Workshop	CC idea Workshop	
Jul 21, 2026								CC 2nd Read / Adeption	CC Hearing / 1st Read		
Jul 23, 2026										PC Hearing	PC Workshop
Aug 4, 2026									CC 2nd Read / Adoption	CC Language Workshop	CC Idea Workshop
Aug 18, 2026										OC Hearing / 1st Read	
Aug 27, 2026											PC Hearing
Sep 1, 2026										CC 2nd Road / Adoption	
Sep 15, 2026											CC Language Workshop
Sep 24, 2026											
Oct 6, 2026											CC Hearing / 1st Read
Oct 20, 2026											CC 2nd Read / Adoption

Quasi-Judicial Reviews vs Legislative

Quasi-Judicial Review

Legislative Review

Topic: Development proposals

Topic: Comprehensive Plan & Development Regulations

Role: Review against existing policy/regulations

Role: Create or amend document

Recommendation: Based on Criteria in Municipal Code Recommendation: Based on Criteria in Municipal Code

City Council makes final decision

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Roles of City Council and Planning Commission

City Council

Policy Makers

Elected by and are responsive to the public whom they represent.

Planning Commission

Advisory to City Council

Appointed to work within the policies adopted by the Council.

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Process for Review and Adoption of Development Regulations Planning Commission Workshop City Council Idea Workshop City Council Language Workshop City Council Hearing/1st Read City Council 2nd Read/Adoption

Process for Review and Adoption of the Comprehensive Plan

Planning Commission Workshop: Intro and Part 1

City Council Workshop: Intro and Part 1

Planning Commission Workshop: Part 2

City Council Workshop: Part 2

Planning Commission Workshop: Part 3

City Council Workshop: Part 3

Planning Commission Hearing

City Council Hearing/1st Read

City Council 2nd Read/Adoption

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Development Regulation Amendments

Group Example

Affordable Housing (ADU's, Co-living, Conversions, Middle Housing)	Schedule			
Mandate: RCW 36.70A.680, .681, .696, .697, .698, .699, HB 1998, RCW 36.70A.540, RCW 35A.21.440, RCW 35.21.990, and RCW 36.70A.070(2)(c).	PC Workshop: Feb 26, 2026			
Title(s) Receiving New Language: Title 19 – Land Use and Development	CC Idea Workshop: Mar 17, 2026			
Other Title(s) Requiring Amendments: Title 17 – Zoning and Title 19 – Land Use and Development	PC Hearing: Mar 26, 2026			
Notes: Notes: New ADU chapter for Title 19.	CC Language Workshop: Apr 21, 2026			
 Add ADU citation in Residential Zones. Add ADU definition. 	CC Hearing/1st Read: May 19, 2026			
 Add Co-living definition. Add Co-living to appropriate residential/commercial zones. 	CC 2 nd Read: June 2, 2026			
 Update R-2 and R-3 zone standards. 				

Why Amendments?

To carry out the Comprehensive Plan, fulfill State mandates, and fix outdated, incomplete code

Why Groups?

There is a lot to address. Grouping amendments makes the process more understandable than all at once.

What are the groups?

Amendment Criteria, Enforcement, Street Vacations, Zones, Affordable Housing, Specialized Housing, Transportation, Subdivisions, Impact Fees, and Critical Areas.

Why before the comp plan is adopted?

State mandated deadline of 12/31/2025.

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Role of the Planner

Facilitate the process.

Act as Point of Contact for the PC

Demonstrate the relationship to the Comprehensive Plan.

Explain what our code says now. Explain what other cities are doing.

Present explanation of mandates. Show what implementation will look like.

Respond to any requests of the Planning Commission Describe best practice.

Provide report and recommendation. Explain how language was developed.

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Role of the Planning Commission

For the review:

For the recommendation:

Be prepared. Read the packet. Think about the relationship to the Comprehensive Plan.

Ask about unfamiliar language. Focus on the greater good for the community.

Ask questions (of both the planner and the public). Concentrate on the long term.

Ask for information to better understand the subject. Listen to the public.

Scrutinize the information provided. Base recommendations on the approval criteria.

Follow the adopted rules of procedure

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Public Engagement

Workshop: Informal

Public Hearings: Formal

Listen!

Try to find the heart of the concern.

There are less vocal community members that equally deserve your attention.

Contextualize comments.

People are suspicious of change; we prefer the known.

Be aware of NIMBYs.

Recognize the difference between legitimate concerns and irrational fears.