

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hunter T. George called the special meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Denny Waltier, and Jamie Nixon were present. Councilmember Blake Surina was absent and unexcused. Planning Commissioners Karen Patjens, Kathy L. McVay, Cameron McGinnis, Sarah Hamel, and Karissa Carpenter were present.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Councilmember, planning commissioners, City Manager Pingel, Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker, and Planning Technician Westman introduced themselves and provided a brief background about themselves.

**GREEN BUILDING CODES/SOLAR ENERGY**

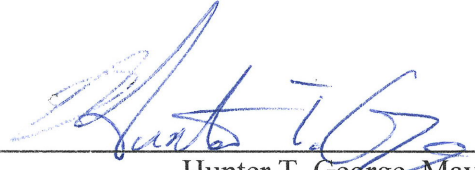
Nixon briefed the Council and Planning Commission on why he asked staff to bring green building codes to the joint meeting and what could be accomplished at the local level. Stahlnecker briefed the Council and Planning Commission on energy and solar codes, solar photovoltaics, being solar ready, environmental benefits, cost of panels, and experiences from local residents with solar panels. Stahlnecker requested feedback on if there was interest in pursuing green building codes, specifically solar power requirements for new residential and/or commercial and if there was interest in pursuing other green measures and/or policies. After a brief discussion on the benefits and challenges of putting policy in place now and whether the requirements on new construction would create a hardship on residents and utility revenues, there was a general consensus in providing public education, researching incentives the City could provide to residents to encourage green building and other ways to be environmentally mindful, researching ways the City could be more sustainable, having representatives from the pertinent industries brief the Council/Planning Commission, and making information available to residents of current County, State, and Federal incentives.

**S. 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET/MILDRED STREET W PLANNING AREA**

Stahlnecker provided updates on the S. 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Mildred Street W area “center” designation, providing updates on University Place Regional Growth Center and form-based code design guidelines, University Place Narrows Plaza, Tacoma Housing Authority, and County Center Opportunity. There was a brief discussion on population growth, potential developments, joint county wide center, traffic impacts, and transportation projects. Stahlnecker announced there would not a Planning Commission meeting during the first week of February.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Reynolds MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 P.M., seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk