ROLL CALL was answered by Councilmembers Barry, Bassett, Carlson, Lillquist, Niner, Perrie, and Mayor O’Brien.

Others present were Community Development Director Witkowski; Public Works Director Akers; Interim Library Director DeSoer; Associate Planner Eyerly; Planning/Permit Technician Johnson; Hal Holmes Center Manager Fuhrman; Deputy Clerk Keno; Bill Grimes of Studio Cascade, Inc.; and seven members of the audience.

The purpose of the special meeting is to give Council members an opportunity to review and discuss the content of the draft comprehensive plan chapters and receive public comments on those draft chapters. The draft chapters scheduled for review at this meeting are Chapter 3 Vision Statement, Chapter 6 Capital Facilities and Utilities and Chapter 12 Essential Public Facilities.

**Chapter 3 Vision Statement**

Chapter 3 is the draft Vision Statement for the comprehensive plan and contains the added element of a preamble. The 1995 version of the Vision Statement is used as a basis and is expanded upon in this chapter.

**Chapter 6 Capital Facilities and Utilities**

The Capital Facilities and Utilities element is subject to Growth Management Act requirements.

Chapter 6 provides an inventory of the existing service environment, identifying issues the city will need to address, and establishing goals, policies and programs to help Ellensburg meet the community’s needs. This part of the comprehensive plan will help the City prepare its capital improvement plans, putting those six-year plans in the context of the 20-year comprehensive plan. Where appropriate it will reference existing city master plans for water and sewer, helping this document be brief while still acknowledging the depth of work being done in those specific service areas. The chapter will also establish or reference levels of service (LOS) where appropriate to help the City plan for the incremental expansion of services as its population grows.

**Chapter 12 Essential Public Facilities**

The Growth Management Act requires comprehensive plans to include a process for identifying and siting essential public facilities. Most of the public facilities and infrastructure corridors within the city are already identified and developed. In addition, the comprehensive plan’s capital facilities and
transportation chapters address the future needs in the surrounding UGA as the city grows, and establishes policies for identifying and protecting such facilities and corridors. The countywide planning policies contain a chapter outlining the issues and policies for siting essential public facilities.

Some essential public facilities and infrastructure needs are the responsibility of entities other than the City and decisions as to site locations for those facilities and infrastructure will be made by those entities. The City will continue to work with those private and public entities in their master planning efforts to ensure that appropriate siting is planned for, both within the city and the unincorporated portion of the UGA. Issues in this chapter include: 1) fair share concept; 2) element of coordination with other entities; 3) permitting; and 4) mitigation.

The public comment cards distributed to and collected from the audience during the meeting were reviewed.

Council noted several inadequacies in the Capital Facilities and Utilities chapter. The Police Department narrative is weak and does not mention the Animal Shelter. The Hal Holmes Center is not mentioned. The information on the electric system is inadequate and does not mention the City is in the planning stages for a third substation.

Council listened to comments from three members of the audience.

David Kaufman, Library Board representative, submitted a library revision to the comprehensive plan dated February 20, 2006 which outlines mission, goals and objectives for the Library which currently do not exist in the plan. A brief discussion was held on whether library goals should be part of the Library’s strategic plan or the comprehensive plan.

Martin Kaatz spoke about the vision statement and the capital facilities chapter.

Pat Kelleher expressed concern with the comprehensive plan process and procedures. The power plan is inadequate and there is no discussion of energy load. There is no plan to deal with electric needs outside of the Bonneville Power Agency.

In answer to Council inquiry, at this stage solar energy is not addressed in the comprehensive plan. Council asked that a water conservation program be included in the plan.

Discussion of process options for adoption of the comprehensive plan was postponed to the April 3, 2006 meeting. The special meeting scheduled for March 29, 2006 was cancelled.

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Carlson

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Mayor
Attest: _____________________
City Clerk