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

Others present were City Manager Barkley; Community Development Director Witkowski; Planning/Permit Technician Johnson; Deputy Clerk Keno; and 50 plus members of the audience.

The purpose of the special meeting is to provide time for Councilmember discussion and consideration of comprehensive plan issues and draft policy language. The draft comprehensive plan chapters scheduled for this meeting are Chapter 3 – Vision Statement and Chapter 8 – Natural Environment.

Chapter 3 – Vision Statement

Council discussed draft Chapter 3 and talked about reducing attention to the central business district.

Add paragraph three of the "Policy Issue: The City needs an Economic Development Niner Vision Statement" from the March 13, 2006 Economic Development Group letter signed by Debbie Strand that reads as follows:

The City of Ellensburg will be proactive in economic in creating a stable, sustainable and diversified economy. The City will encourage business development and emphasize the creation of family wage jobs. The economic vision will enable the city and its citizens to achieve economic prosperity while preserving the environment and a high quality of life.

to page three under Chapter 3 Vision Statement between the 2nd and 3rd paragraph.

Vote on motion. Approved

Change the second sentence on paragraph one of page three of Chapter 3 Vision Carlson Statement to read as follows:

The elements of agriculture, small business, education, government, investment and financial services, retirement, housing, hospital and health care, tourism, environmental protection, non-profit organizations, leisure and recreation, and a vibrant central business district sustainable downtown
core are the spokes that provide a strong community for (of) sic the citizens of Ellensburg.

Vote on motion. Approved

Insert the word “industry” after “small business, education” in the second sentence Lillquist of paragraph one, page three to read as follows:

The elements of agriculture, small business, education, *industry*, education, government, investment and financial services, retirement, housing, hospital and health care, tourism, environmental protection, non-profit organizations, leisure and recreation, and a vibrant sustainable downtown core are the spokes that provide a strong community for (of) sic the citizens of Ellensburg.

Vote on motion. Approved

Chapter 8 – Natural Environment

Community Development Director Witkowski referenced a May 8, 2006 letter received from Carol Morris, Association of Washington Cities land use attorney, and provided to Council at this meeting. The letter recommends that Chapter 8 not include any development regulations. Additionally, if the City would like to adopt a policy chapter on environment it should be proposed for adoption at the same time as the proposed environmental development regulations, such as the critical areas regulations. The Critical Areas Ordinance Committee will meet for the first time on May 10.

Pull Chapter 8 and forward it to the Critical Areas Ordinance Committee for Perrie consideration at the same time as the development regulations as recommended by Carol Morris, AWC attorney.

Amend motion to refer the goals, policies and programs to the Critical Areas Lillquist Ordinance Committee and retain the remainder of Chapter 8 in the comprehensive plan as it moves through the Council process.

Withdraw amendment. Lillquist

Vote on main motion. Approved(Niner-No)

RECESS
Council took a ten minute recess at 8:17 p.m.

RECONVENE

Council reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Council set future special meetings for the following dates:

May 17, 2006 – Land Use (Chapter 4)
May 22, 2006 - Land Use; Parks & Recreation (Chapter 10)
June 7, 2006 - Parks & Recreation; Transportation (Chapter 5)
June 12, 2006 - Transportation; Housing (Chapter 2)
June 21, 2006 - Housing; Historic Preservation (Chapter 11)
June 26, 2006 - Capital Facilities and Utilities (Chapter 6) and Essential Public Facilities (Chapter 12)

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

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:24 p.m. Carlson

Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________ City Clerk