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; Energy Services Director Titus; Planning Technician Johnson; Deputy Clerk Keno; and 33 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. This meeting is a continued discussion of draft comprehensive plan Chapter 4 – Land Use.

**Chapter 4 – Land Use – Continued Discussion**

Council again discussed their individual philosophies on regional retail. A discussion of City authority as it pertains to property in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) was held. In answer to Council inquiry, the County does not have a limit on commercial building size in the UGA. Council discussed the City’s growing inability to maintain services without having adequate sources of funding.

In answer to Council inquiry, the South Interchange property is in the urban growth area; it has not been annexed into the City. Council asked questions of staff. Council requested information on the status of Kittitas’s and Cle Elum’s planning process to allow big box retail.

The City’s grant application for the Dolarway Improvement Project was briefly discussed. This application is part of the City’s six-year transportation improvement program.

Designate the West Interchange Development known as the Lamb property request Carlson for CC-II zoning and the Hayden property request to Light Industrial zoning per their request.

Council discussion.

Amend to adopt Scenario 3 - West Interchange Development to the draft Carlson comprehensive plan.

Council asked questions of staff. Council can amend Scenario 3 to include other properties.

Vote on motion as amended. Barry yes
Bassett no
Carlson yes
Lillquist no
Niner no
Perrie yes
O’Brien yes

Motion approved.

Amend the second paragraph under Mixed Uses on page 4 of Chapter 4 Land Use to incorporate the modification and additional paragraph suggested in the Kittitas County Health Department letter received April 27, 2006 by Community Development to read as follows:

“Recent trends favoring the mixing of uses indicate a growing desire among some in this country to make urban spaces more dynamic and less auto reliant. If these trends are to take root currently taking place in Ellensburg, they could find immediate success such as in the CBD but then require changes to occur in other areas of the community if they are to happen elsewhere.

Rapid growth in our community will require that changes occur in other areas to accomplish mixed land use.”

“Increasing mixed land uses can be done by removing barriers, providing incentives, and locating public facilities where they are more accessible to neighborhoods. Mixed use community centers that locate destinations within close proximity to residences increase opportunities for walking and bicycling.”

Motion approved.

Amend Policy A of Goal 7 under Scenario 3: West Interchange Development to add Lillquist Program 6 as suggested in the Kittitas County Public Health Department letter received April 27, 2006 by Community Development to read as follows:

“6. Whenever possible retrofit existing streets with pedestrian and bicycle facilities.”

and
amend Policy C of Goal 7 under Scenario 3: West Interchange Development to add Program 6 (listed as 4) as suggested in the Kittitas County Public Health Department letter received April 27, 2006 by Community Development to read as follows:

“6. Improve known accident locations as well as high risk locations for pedestrians, bicycles, and motorists, paying particular attention to at risk groups including the young and the aging.”

Motion approved.

Amend Policy C of draft Goal 7 under Scenario 3: West Interchange Development to Lillquist add Program 7 (listed as 5) as suggested in the Kittitas County Public Health Department letter received April 27, 2006 by Community Development to read as follows:

“7. Incorporate safety prevention strategies into environmental design when bicycle and pedestrian facilities are developed. (ie: lighting, distance between the street and the sidewalk.)”

and add Program 8 (listed as 6) as suggested in the Kittitas County Public Health Department letter with the deletion of the last sentence, to read as follows:

“8. Help designate and improve safe routes to schools. All Washington school districts are required to have suggested route plans for every elementary school. (WAC 392-151-025)

A portion of the public comment cards distributed to and collected from the audience during the meeting were reviewed. Council discussed scheduling additional special meetings to discuss the draft comprehensive plan.

Set the dates of Tuesday, June 20; Thursday, June 29; Wednesday, July 5; Thursday, Carlson July 6; Monday, July 10; and Tuesday, July 11 as City Council special meetings to start at 7:00 p.m.

Amend motion to strike Thursday, July 6. Carlson

Vote on motion as amended. Affirmed

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:35 p.m. Barry

Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________ City Clerk