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

Councilmembers Lillquist and Perrie have excused absences.

Others present were City Manager Barkley, Energy Services Director Titus; Parks & Recreation Director Case; Senior Planner Smith; Planning Technician Johnson; Deputy Clerk Keno; and seven 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 followed by a review of draft Chapter 9 – Economic Development.

Chapter 4 – Land Use – Continued Discussion

Council discussed adding industrial property within the urban growth area (UGA) or changing out current industrial property difficult to develop for property that is more conducive to industrial development.

Council asked questions of staff. Council and staff discussed the interaction of the airport overlay zone with industrial property. Council has previously acted on suggestions for draft Chapter 9 – Economic Development submitted by letter dated March 13, 2006 from the Economic Development Group. These actions are to be incorporated into the draft final plan. Council discussed the possibility of a Port District and directed questions about its development to Debbie Strand, Executive Director of the Economic Development Group of Kittitas County.

Council discussed the Economic Development Group’s policy issue suggestions and program elements for draft Chapter 9. Council discussed deferrals of development costs.

Chapter 9 – Economic Development

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Add “Research the port district option” in the Priority Projects listing under Goal ED-7. Carlson

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Council briefly discussed the possibility of types of upfront incentives the City could give to entice
landowners to develop their property for industrial development.

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Strike Program 3 under Goal ED-1, Policy A: “Work with local businesses and CWU Niner to foster creation of entry-level jobs for university graduates.” Affirmed

Add a Program 5 under Goal ED-1, Policy C to read as follows: Niner “Encourage partnerships to conserve resources and increase awareness, cooperation and communication.” Affirmed

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Council made the following consensus language changes:

Strike Program 3 of Policy B, Goal ED-2.

Amend Program 4 of Policy B, Goal ED-2 to read as follows:

“Facilitate the creation and expansion of businesses and institutions that benefit from the advantages of being in the County seat.”

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Council wishes to come back and review:

* Goal ED-3, Policies B, C, and E, Program 1

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Council wishes to come back and review:

* Goal ED-5, Policy A, Program 1

* Goal ED-5, Policy B, Programs 1 and 2

Council consensus was to add “Dolarway” to the end of the sentence of Goal ED-6, Policy A, Program 1.

Council consensus was to strike Program 2 from Goal ED-6, Policy A.
Council wishes to come back and review Goal ED-6, Policy B, Programs 2 & 3. Suggested language for Program 3 is: “Anticipate growth and monitor utilities capacity for readiness of property.”

Council discussed changing the second sentence of the last paragraph to delete references to Crystal Mountain Resort and Mt. Rainier National Park and substituting attractions more relative to the area--such as Mission Ridge, the Columbia Gorge or the Wenatchee National Forest.

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Council wishes to come back and review:

* Goal ED-7, Policy A, Program 1

* Goal ED-7, Policy C, Program 1

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Council requested staff provide language to revise the identifications for West Ellensburg (4) and South Interchange (5) in terms of environmental constraints to make the statements comparable.

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

Darryl Piercy, Director of Community Development Services for Kittitas County, is scheduled to speak at Council’s June 29, 2006 special meeting about the status of Kittitas County’s update of its Comprehensive Plan. Council will also conclude discussion on draft Chapter 9 - Economic Development and begin discussions on draft Chapter 10 – Housing.

Council wishes to discuss adding a separate goal for the Planning Commission recommendation on Economic Development.

**ADJOURN** Adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Carlson

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Mayor

ATTEST: ________________________________ City Clerk