Roll Call was answered by Councilmembers Bassett, Bottcher, Elliott, O’Brien, Tabb and Mayor Lillquist

Councilmember Absent: Miller, excused

Others present were City Manager Barkley, Community Development Director Smith; Deputy Clerk Keno; and thirteen members of the audience.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR COUNCILMEMBER ELLIOTT FROM THE NOVEMBER 13, 2008, SPECIAL MEETING

Councilmember Elliott is requesting an excused absence for the November 13, 2008 special meeting.

Grant excused absence for Councilmember Elliott for November 13, 2008 special Bassett meeting. Affirmed

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – 2008 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

On October 20, 2008 Council held a public hearing on the docketed proposed annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments for 2008. A decision was made on two amendments relating to the UGA and staff was directed to transmit Council’s recommendations to the County Commissioners. The public hearing was continued to a special meeting on November 10, 2008 with the written comment period held open to 5:00 p.m. on November 5, 2008.

Mayor Lillquist re-opened the public hearing to consider the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Community Development Director Smith noted the October 31, 2008 agenda report included in the November 10, 2008 agenda packet contains a missing page between pages 8 and 9. The missing page--“8A.” was previously distributed to Council and made available to the public.

The agenda packet includes:

• “Supplemental Attachments O thru V”

• Exhibit “W” – Memorandum from Councilmember Miller re: Comp Plan Amendment;

• Exhibit “X” – E-mail from Mayor Lillquist to Community Development Director Smith, Subject: Response to comments on the Draft 2008 Nonmotorized Transportation Plan and proposed
amendments;

• and Exhibit “Y” – E-mail dated 10/27/08 from Mayor Lillquist to Mike Smith,

Subject: NMT comp plan amendment.

Mayor Lillquist entered Exhibits “O” through “Y”, the November 10, 2008 agenda packet and the missing page 8A. into the public hearing record.

Director Smith distributed a document entitled “2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Subject Matter Groupings.”

Mayor Lillquist opened the floor for testimony from the public.

Larry Nickel, 317 ½ North Pearl, #1, speaking for himself and a group of others, spoke about the City’s lack of due process in the proceedings, including its non-compliance with the public participation plan and lack of public notice of the meeting in the Daily Record.

Mike Pearson, 2110 Reecer Creek Road, spoke in support of non-motorized transportation and the use of native plantings for planting strips. Mr. Pearson submitted written comments which were marked as Exhibit “AA.”

Greg Newhall, property owner of 32 acres northeast of the casino, previously owned by Pott, requested the zoning of the land under the Pott Development Agreement remain in place and not be changed to Light Industrial. Mr. Newhall submitted documents which were marked as Exhibit “AB.”

Martin Kaatz, 309 N. Poplar, speaking as a member of the Downtown Task Force but not representing the Task Force, spoke regarding the Task Force’s October 11, 2007 comments and in favor of a compact downtown.

Beverly Heekart, 906 East 1st, speaking for Citizens Against Sprawl/Save our Downtown Ellensburg, spoke in response to the objections to Citizens vs. Sprawl’s proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and also submitted a written response which was marked as “Exhibit AC.”

Ron Criddlebaugh, Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce, stated the Economic Development Group will be receiving a grant to do a County-wide study of available land to see what it could attract. The City needs to diversify its retail base. Mr. Criddlebaugh previously submitted comments on the Comp Plan amendments via e-mail dated 11/05/08 (Exhibit U.)

Colin Condit, 215 E. 9th, spoke about the lack of studies to support statements made about retail leakage.

Rick Cole, 660 Southridge Drive, spoke to his November 5, 2008 letter, “Exhibit T.” Council needs to make sure the suggested amendments are consistent with the 2006 Comprehensive Plan. He sees no
evidence of City communication with surrounding communities, including Kittitas County. The amendments proposed will materially change the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

City Manager Barkley discussed sales taxes in relation to the General Fund. Meeting notice requirements and the public participation plan were discussed. Council asked questions of staff. Also discussed were point of delivery sales tax, and the industrial land swap.

Mayor Lillquist closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Move that Council continue with the special meeting under compliance with O'Brien the Open Public Meetings Act. Bassett(yes)

Bottcher(no)

Elliott(yes)

O'Brien(yes)

Tabb(yes)

Lillquist(yes)

Motion approved.

Approve sending Comp Plan amendment 08-01 to the ordinance. Elliott

Affirmed

Deny Comp Plan amendment 08-04. O'Brien

Affirmed(Bassett, Bottcher-no)

Deny Comp Plan amendment 08-05. Elliott

Bassett(no)

Bottcher(no)

Elliott(yes)

O'Brien(yes)

Tabb(abstain)

Lillquist(no)

Motion defeated.
Amend proposed Comp Plan amendment 08-05 to change Goal LU-1, Policy B, Lillquist Program 5 to locate industrial land immediately south of Berry Road and north of Tjossem Road. Affirmed

Council took a ten-minute break at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Deny Comp Plan amendment 08-06. Elliott

Affirmed(Bottcher, Bassett-no)

Accept Comp Plan amendment 08-07 and make the wording consistent Bottcher with Comp Plan amendment 08-05. Approved(O’Brien-no)

Deny Comp Plan Amendment 08-09. Elliott

Approved(Bottcher-no)

Accept Comp Plan Amendment 08-10. Bottcher

Approved

Accept Comp Plan Amendment 08-11. Bottcher

Motion Defeated(Elliott, O’Brien, Tabb, Lillquist-no)

Accept Comp Plan Amendment 08-13. Bottcher

Approved(O’Brien, Elliott-no)

Move approval of Comp Plan Amendment 08-14. O’Brien

Affirmed

Accept Comp Plan Amendment 08-16 with the Planning Commission Bottcher recommendation. Affirmed

Accept Comp Plan Amendment 08-17. Bottcher

Affirmed

Accept Comp Plan Amendment 08-18 with Planning Commission recommendation. Bottcher

Affirmed
Approve Comp Plan Amendment 08-19 with staff analysis and study and Tabb
move it to the 2009 docket. Affirmed

Approve Comp Plan Amendment 08-21. O’Brien
Affirmed

Move approval of Comp Plan amendment 08-22. Tabb
Approved

Move approval of Comp Plan amendment 08-23 including all amendments offered Tabb
in Exhibits “X” and “Y.” Affirmed

Move approval of Comp Plan amendment 08-24. O’Brien
Affirmed

Move approval of Comp Plan amendment 08-25. Elliott
Affirmed

Approve the Responsible Official’s issuance of a SEPA Determination of Non- Tabb
Significance (DNS) on September 19, 2008. Affirmed

Staff will consult with the City Attorney regarding the Notice of the Special Meeting to the newspaper.

**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. O’Brien
Affirmed

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Mayor

ATTEST: _______________________________________

City Clerk