

RESOLUTION NO. 927

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR PLANNING COMMISSION EFFORTS DURING THE OPEN RECORD HEARING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS 15-01, 15-02, 15-03, 15-04 AND 15-05

WHEREAS, in 1995 the Washington State Legislature adopted RCW 36.70B, known as the Regulatory Reform Act, and this legislation limited most land use actions to a single, open record hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Title 17 on April 1, 1996 which placed the responsibility for holding open record hearings for land development applications and appeals of administrative decisions with the Lynden Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, by law, is a commission of volunteers, serving without any remuneration, as appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, between April 1 and April 20, 2015, five appeals of administrative decisions made regarding the development at 2249 Main Street were filed by a party of record; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission Chairwoman Veltkamp assumed a strong leadership role in the processing of the appeals, attending pre-hearing conferences and working with special counsel and attorneys for all parties to ensure a fair and due process; and

WHEREAS, all Commissioners involved in hearing the appeals spent numerous hours reading the briefs and exhibits involved in the appeals; and

WHEREAS, the open record appeal hearing was conducted over three nights, totaling nine hours of hearings and deliberations and the Commission's recommendation to the City Council was well documented and considered the vast quantity of information gathered;

NOW, THEREFORE, let it be resolved by the Mayor and Lynden City Council to express the City's gratitude for the time spent preparing for the hearing, time spent listening to the testimony of the appellant, expert witnesses, and city staff, and for the effort to recommend a decision to the City Council that was comprehensive and included sufficient information to allow the City Council to adopt the Commission's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and recommended decision without amendment.

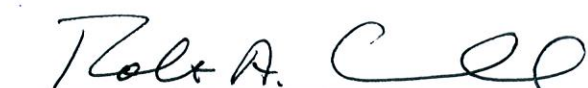
APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2015.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM


CITY ATTORNEY