

BOARD OF MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

JULY 31, 2007

1. Call to Order – The special meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by the Chairperson with all commissioners present.
2. Stormwater Management Plans for the Allyn and Belfair Urban Growth Areas.

Charlie Butros, Public Works Director, noted that at the public hearing on July 24, 2007 they presented information to the Board and there were comments received on the proposed comprehensive management stormwater plans for Allyn and Belfair and individuals requested additional time for review. The hearing was continued until this date to take action.

He stated that further back in July, a request had been submitted by the County to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) to extend the deadline for submittal of the two plans due to the amount of comment received. Mr. Butros stated the request for extension was accepted and a 60-day extension was approved. Notice of that extension was received by the county following the last hearing.

They are trying to schedule a meeting this week with Washington State Dept. of Ecology and the Puget Sound Partnership to continue discussions on comments received by the County. The second version of the plan was issued in July. They need to take the information from the meeting and provide any updates to the plans and reissue for review by the end of August. They are proposing a workshop/public meeting to discuss further with the people that provided comment. He recommended the Board extend the hearing for the stormwater plans until September 18, 2007.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson clarified a decision has been rendered by the WWGMHB that bound the county to a timetable for the Belfair sewer system for both stormwater and wastewater. The request was to separate those two matters. Mason County was given an additional amount of time to address the stormwater without jeopardizing the money for the sewers.

TJ Martin, Deputy Prosecutor, asked about the Capital Facilities Plan aspect.

Mr. Butros interjected he understood a section of the Capital Facilities Plan which deals with the stormwater plans for Allyn and Belfair will be submitted also with the plans by the deadline of October 8, 2007.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson asked if there are other actions that need to be taken on the Capital Facilities Plan at this time.

Barbara Robinson, Community Development Director, stated there were two parts to the compliance order; sewer and stormwater. Mason County was also found noncompliant with the Capital Facilities Plan because it did not provide a funding source for the sewer facilities. At the public hearing last week, the Board heard a staff report on the Capital Facilities Plan update which included both the development regulations for the sewers and also the stormwater. Before the Board is an ordinance adopting the Capital Facilities Plan update revising only those portions relative to the Belfair Facilities Plan sewer and the development regulations. The stormwater portion will come before the Board in September for consideration.

Cmmr. Gallagher/Sheldon moved and seconded that the Board of County Commissioners continue the public hearing until September 18, 2007 for adoption of the Stormwater Management Plans for the Allyn and Belfair UGA's and for adoption of the second amendment of the Capital Facilities Element of the Mason County Comprehensive Plan to include these Plans by reference. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Gallagher moved and seconded that the Board of County Commissioners adopt by Ordinance the amended Capital Facilities Element of the Mason County Comprehensive Plan to

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include by reference the Belfair/Lower Hood Canal Reclamation Facility Plan supplemental information. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Ordinance No. 90-07 (Exhibit A)

Cmmr. Sheldon/Gallagher moved and seconded to recommend the Planning Advisory Committee review the Stormwater Management Plans for Allyn and Belfair UGA before September 18, 2007.

3. Mason County Development Regulations – On-Site Disposal Requirements for the Belfair and Allyn Urban Growth Areas.

Emmett Dobey, Utilities & Waste Management Director, stated at the conclusion of the meeting he indicated there would be changes in rates associated if they were to allow continuation of onsite sewers. A consultant took a look at the issue and the initial report indicates that for every customer they take off of the sewer system it will cost \$0.30 per month additional utility rate in the first year and then \$0.15 per month thereafter for those customers that remain.

He referred to a letter from the regional shellfish manager for the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, regarding consideration of the revisions to Mason County Code 17.03. It was clarified they are referring to the Allyn Belfair stormwater drainage plan when they state it will adversely affect them.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson stated it is important that they keep the rates down but they are really doing this because Belfair is a fragile environmental area. It is important that as urban density develops within the UGA they connect people to sewers so they can maximize the ability to protect the Canal.

Cmmr. Sheldon noted that Mason County is unique. Almost three-quarters of the population lives within a mile of the water. Historically, as population increases it causes new problems. There are tough choices, but they are making progress.

They are struggling as a Commission to find a balance which allows them to develop, have a prosperous economy and still keep the Puget Sound and Hood Canal healthy.

Jack Johnson voiced his main concern is there is not enough distribution for the sewer in Belfair. He believed there needs to be more collection. If they continue to work towards getting more money, that is what he would recommend.

Cmmr. Ring Erickson voiced appreciation for the comments received. Mason County is appreciative for the \$26 million to start with.

Pat McCullough applauded the Board's decision to sewer the town of Belfair. He felt it is a great idea and he is glad they are at a point to start construction next year. He expressed bewilderment why with \$26 million they can only do what has been shown. He suspected as they get into the design of the system they can expand the collection system considerably with the funds.

The Board noted they will try to get every bit of value they can out of every dollar they have. They will do as much as they possibly can. They will continue to work on the investment in that system.

Cmmr. Sheldon/Gallagher/Sheldon moved and seconded that the Board of County Commissioners adopt by Ordinance the revised Sections 17.03.030 & 17.03.031 of the Mason County Code (and Sections 1.03.030 & 1.03.031 of the Mason County Development Regulations) for On Site Disposal Requirements for the Belfair and Allyn Urban Growth areas. Motion carried unanimously. G-aye; RE-aye; S-aye. Ordinance No. 91-07 (Exhibit B)

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4. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lynda Ring Erickson, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim Sheldon, Commissioner

Rebecca S. Rogers, Clerk of the Board

Ross Gallagher, Commissioner