

**CITY COUNCIL
STUDY SESSION
March 4, 2025**

ATTENDEES: Council members Green, Smith, Arsanto, Burbank, Anderson and Bergerson.

Also, in attendance were: Mayor Burkett, City Administrator Brunell, Finance Director Hines, Director of Parks and Recreation Snodgrass, Police Records Clerk Burkett and Deputy City Clerk Clark.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Audit Exit Conference:

SAO auditors Kirk Gadbois, Courtney Amonsen and Jen Rozler were available on Zoom presenting a slide show explaining why these results matter and financial audit results for 2022-2023. The report will be published on March 6, 2025, and the only changes were policy recommendations, which are already being worked on by City Staff.

Doc Tait Pavilion:

Mike Faulkner, Shayla Miles and Breanna Fokes presented a slideshow regarding the plan review, different views of the pavilion, signage and what each panel will include for signage. The Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition successfully secured full funding for the Doc Tait Pavilion and has submitted its building permit application.

Also, the Coalition has worked with community partners to develop interpretive panel content that would include:

- Honoring Doc Tait and Foothills Coalition Founders
- Trail Map & Information
- History of the Foothills Trail
- Buckley and White River Plateau History
- Flora and Fauna on the Trail
- Places to Explore in Buckley/Nearby Communities on Trail
- Muckleshoot Tribe

Staff recommends City Council approve the final design and authorize the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition to construct the pavilion as designed and permitted.

Zoning Text Amendment Changes:

City Administrator Brunell let the Council know this is the first of many code updates that will be coming before the Council due to some state law changes and the comprehensive plan that was adopted. The staff is introducing amendments to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) code. This code is to comply with HB 1337 that was passed earlier this year. Right now, we are relying on RCW state law rather than our local Municipal Code.

Key Changes Required by HB 1337:

- Increased ADU Allowance
- Occupancy Requirements
- Size Limitations
- Condominium Conversion

- Impact Fees Reduction
- Parking Requirements Adjustments
- Design and Development Standards
- Conversion of Existing Structures
- Public Street Improvements

Policy Considerations for Council Discussion:

- Density Management
- Single-Family Home Design Standards

Executive Session:

Mayor Pro Tem Smith adjourned the City Council Study Session to go into Executive Session at 7:28 PM for approximately 10 minutes.

Council returned from Executive Session and reconvened the City Council Study Session at 7:33 PM

With nothing further, the Study Session was adjourned at 7:34 PM.



City Administrator



Mayor

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