

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Howard P. Schesser, Community Development Director

SUBJECT: SET A WORK SESSION ON THE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE AND UPDATE ON FLOOD MAP PROJECT AND BIOLOGICAL OPINION REGULATORY PROCESS

DATE: June 8, 2016

Background

The Planning Commission has held a public hearing on the new Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance and made a recommendation of approval. The ordinance is to bring the City into compliance with State and Federal changes to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Prior to bringing the ordinance forward for a public hearing before City Council staff needs to brief Council on the changes and allow Council several weeks to digest the ordinance and ask additional questions. A public hearing would be scheduled for July 25th.

Staff will also brief Council on two additional matters related to the NFIP. They are: (1) the Update on the NFIP Mapping project to provide new NFIP Firm Maps and (2) the Biological Opinion issued in April and future regulatory requirements as a result.

1. Mapping: This is updating the NFIP Firm maps by FEMA and their consultant for the 100 year flood plain.

2. Biological Opinion: The 400 page Biological Opinion for the State of Oregon as a result of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) consulting with NOAA Fisheries under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The consultation was a result of a settlement by FEMA with The Audubon Society of Portland, National Wildlife Federation, Northwest Environmental Defense Center and the Association of Northwest Steelheaders who argued that federal flood insurance program (NFIP) was encouraging development detrimental to the survival of listed species. The opinion includes reasonable and prudent alternatives which will be the basis for development of interim and eventually new regulations.

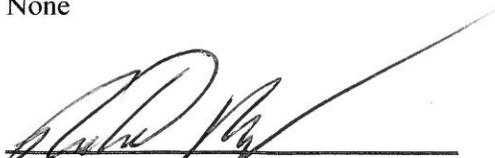
Staff is recommending that a work session be held the hour prior to the regular meeting on June 27th at 6:00 PM.

Recommendation

That a work session be scheduled for June 27th at 6 PM.

Cost

None


Richard Meyers, City Manager


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