WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
SISTERS CITY COUNCIL
520 E. CASCADE AVENUE
FEBRUARY 14, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Preedin Mayor Jordan Wheeler City Manager
Andrea Blum Council President Kerry Prosser Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Letz Councilor Joe O'Neill Finance Director
Susan Cobb Councilor Scott Woodford CDD Director

Matthew Martin Principal Planner

City Attorney

Garett Chrostek

ABSENT:

Gary Ross Councilor

The meeting recording is available here:

https://www.ci.sisters.or.us/bc-citycouncil/page/city-council-workshop-meeting-1

Mayor Preedin called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. Short-term Rental Code Amendments

Mayor Preedin recused himself as he owns a short-term rental. He passed the gavel to Council President Blum.

Principal Planner Martin made a presentation providing background, analysis, and consideration for next steps for Council in considering amendments to the Short-Term Rental Code.

City Attorney Chrostek spoke to potential legal issues with some of the considerations.

Council discussed the possibility of establishing a moratorium on permits while the code is being updated.

Council discussed each of the considerations, prioritizing items 1-4 (1- Expand concentration limit from 250 feet to 500 feet; 2-Apply concentration limit to condominiums; 3-Do not apply concentration limit to Commercial Zone Districts; and 4-Prohibit STRs in Urban Growth Boundary expansion/annexation areas) in the discussion. Council provided directions to staff to draft code amendment language related to items 1-3, stating that drafting the language does not prohibit further discussion and updates to it.

Council suggested that Item 4 be considered along with the UGB expansion process to have a better idea of what will be needed in those areas.

Councilor Letz requested research be made into quantifying the value of an occupied residence.

2. Other Business - None.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Rebecca Green, Deputy Recorder

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