

**Joint Meeting of
Philomath City Council and Planning Commission
August 10, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

Called to order by Council President David M. Low.

ROLL CALL:

City Council: David M. Low, Ruth Causey, Doug Edmonds, Chas Jones, Matthew Lehman, and Matthew Thomas.

Planning Commission: Joseph Sullivan, Gary Conner, Giana Bernardino, David Stein and Peggy Yoder.

Staff: City Manager Chris Workman, City Attorney Jim Brewer, Deputy City Attorney David Coulombe, and City Recorder Ruth Post.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE:

Mr. Workman introduced Beth Goodman from ECONorthwest. Ms. Goodman provided an overview of the Comprehensive Plan Update project. She reviewed the timeline for meetings and deliverables. There was discussion about the Main Street Plan timeline and development of a separate design manual.

Employment Buildable Lands Inventory Results: Ms. Goodman reviewed the progress of the Project Advisory Committee and issues they have addressed. She summarized the upcoming roll of the Planning Commission and City Council in the coming year. She reviewed the methodology for developing a buildable land inventory. Ms. Goodman noted the available industrial and commercial inventory.

Economic Opportunities Analysis: Ms. Goodman reviewed commuting patterns for Philomath. There was discussion about employment patterns, average wages and unemployment. Ms. Goodman described the process of employment forecasting. She requested the Councilors and Commissioners provide feedback to Mr. Workman regarding the employment growth rate assumption.

There was discussion about the types of feedback to be provided and the external factors to be considered in making policy decisions related to growth. Discussion was wrapped up directing members to provide feedback to Mr. Workman within the next two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ruth Post, City Recorder