

MINUTES OF THE NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Monday, May 27, 2025

A meeting of the Newport City Planning Commission was held on May 27, 2025, at 5:30 PM at City Hall, 200 S. Washington Avenue, Newport, Washington, with the following present:

	Abby Gribi	City Administrator (Absent)
	Nickole North	Clerk/Treasurer
	Rachelle Bradley	Contracted Planner
Terri Ivie		Chair
Chris Thomas		Commissioner
Troy Moody		Vice Chair
Ty Krohn		Commissioner
Vacant		Commissioner

Chair Ivie called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM, followed by roll call. It was announced that Commissioner Zimmerman was hired by SCJ Alliance and due to a conflict resigned from the Planning Commission after the last meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES:

Commissioner Krohn moved to approve the agenda as written; Commissioner Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Moody moved to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2025 meeting; Commissioner Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Moody asked if the Planning Commission could recommend code that would require downtown businesses to keep their storefronts appealing and would increase business in the downtown corridor. He was also concerned about tripping hazards with removal of the downtown trees and gravel being placed in the tree grates which ends up on the sidewalks. Planning Consultant Bradley stated that there could be a code created but that it would need to be enforced and likely have a penalty. Clerk North stated that this would most likely be a Chamber matter and recommended that he attend the next Council Meeting to discuss this further with the Council. Commissioner Moody stated that he would plan on attending the next Council Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A public hearing to discuss initiating text amendments to the Newport Municipal Code Title 17.03 amending Development Regulations regarding accessory dwelling units was opened at 5:58 PM.

Rachelle Bradley, Contracted Planner for the City of Newport, reviewed the changes that the Commission had asked to be updated in the Development Regulations regarding ADUs.


The only comment received was from Amy Hilland, Senior Planner with Growth Management Services, Washington State Department of Commerce. She had four questions and three can be addressed when the comprehensive plan is updated. The only question she had relevant to this hearing was a clarification on 17.03.090.5(f) where it states the ADU must have independent water and sewer connections but then it states an ADU may not have connected services. Also, she recommend distinguishing between attached and detached ADU's.

There was no further public comments. The public hearing was closed at 6:15 PM.

Commissioner Moody moved to initiate text amendments to the Newport Municipal Code Title 17.03 amending Development Regulations regarding accessory dwelling units. He further asked that the language be clarified under 17.03.090.5(f) to state that the ADU must have independent water and sewer connections separate from the residence. Commissioner Thomas seconded. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.

Attest: 
Nickole North
City Clerk/Treasurer

By: 
Terri Ivie
Chair