### PLAN MAP AMENDMENT #P-120-17 CO-ADOPTION OF HERMISTON ORDINANCE NO. 2246 CITY OF HERMISTON, APPLICANT GLEN AND JOY WULFF, OWNERS

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# **Umatilla County**

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**FROM:** Bob Waldher, Director **DATE:** October 11, 2017

RE: October 18, 2017 Board of Commissioners Hearing

City of Hermiston Plan Map Amendment Co-adoption

Plan Map Amendment, #P-120-17 City of Hermiston, Applicant Glen and Joy Wulff, Owners

### **Background Information**

On August 14, 2017, Hermiston City Council adopted Ordinance 2246, amending the Comprehensive Plan Map from "Urbanizable" to "Urban" on 13.10 acres of land located on the south side of W Gettman Road. The property is described as Tax Lot 701 located in Township 4N, Range 28E, Section 15. The plan map amendment changes the designation from "Future Residential" to "Low Density Residential." The City Council also passed Ordinance 2247, annexing said property with a Duplex Residential (R-2) zoning designation effective upon co-adoption of Ordinance 2246 by the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners.

### **Co-Adoption**

The City of Hermiston Joint Management Agreement (JMA) Section E (10) requires Comprehensive Plan Amendments applicable in the Urban Growth Area to be processed by the City. The JMA requires amendments to be adopted by ordinance, first by the City, then to the County for co-adoption review.

### **Previous Hearings**

The Hermiston Planning Commission held a Public hearing on August 9, 2017, and unanimously passed a motion to recommend approval to the City Council. The Hermiston City Council held a public hearing on August 14, 2017, and unanimously approved the plan map amendment and subsequently, unanimously adopted Ordinance 2246.

The County's first evidentiary hearing for the co-adoption was held before the Umatilla County Planning Commission on September 28, 2017. During the hearing, the Planning Commission heard testimony from proponents and opponents of the co-adoption. A summary of the meeting minutes, including testimony entered into the record, is included in this packet. The Planning Commission ultimately recommended approval of the co-adoption to the Board of Commissioners.



#### Memo

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### Conclusion

The Umatilla County Board of Commissioners has an obligation to approve or deny the City of Hermiston's co-adoption request. The only item for consideration is the co-adoption of the Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment changing the designation of the property from "Urbanizable" (Future Residential) to "Urban" (Low Density Residential). All subsequent actions taken by the City, including annexation with an R-2 zoning designation and potential subdivision, are not a part of this consideration.



Tax Lots

### PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 100' NOTICE AREA FROM SUBJECT PARCEL

TAXLOT	OWNER
200	PETERSON KIM A &
OUU	MARIA E
700	WULFF GLEN W & JOY A
701	WULFF GLEN W & JOY A
1300	SCHOOL DIST #8
1500	WISEMAN COLTON L &
	JAMIE L
N2815CB 1600	MILLS BRUCE ALLEN &
	HEATHER MICHELLE
1700	GUTIERREZ EMANUEL &
N2815CB 1700	HOPKINS KAYLA A
1805	SEELYE CARALFE C
1804	SANDOVAL ALVARO
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PLAN MAP AMENDMENT#P-120-17 MAP #4N2815 TAX LOT #701 CITY OF HERMISTON, APPLICANT GLEN AND JOY WULFF, OWNERS

Legend

Subject Parcel —— Roads Map Boundary

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Feet 500 1,000

MAP DISCLAIMER: No warranty is made by Umanila County as to the accuracy, reliability or completeness of this data.

Map data should be used for reference purposes only.

Not survey grade or for legal use.

Created by Brandon Seitz, on 9/7/2017.

August 15, 2017



Tamra Mabbott
Umatilla County Planner
216 SE 4<sup>th</sup> Street
Pendleton, OR 97801

Re: Co-Adoption of Hermiston Ordinance No 2246

Dear Ms. Mabbott:

On August 14, 2017, the Hermiston City Council adopted Ordinance 2246 amending the comprehensive plan map from urbanizable to urban status for 13. 10 acres on the south side of W Gettman Road. The city council also adopted ordinance 2247 annexing said property effective upon co-adoption of ordinance 2246. Per Section E10 of the Hermiston Planning Area Joint Management Agreement the matter of conversion now comes before Umatilla County for co-adoption. A copy of ordinance is attached to this letter for the county's use.

The applicant in the matter of conversion and annexation is Frank Gehring Construction LLC. Mr. Gehring will contact the county to file any necessary applications and fees associated with the co-adoption process.

For reference the findings do not reflect the entirety of the adoption process. The city council had a lengthy discussion regarding the status of Gettman Road. Public testimony at the hearing centered on the need for Gettman Road to be improved. The city council determined that the road does need improvement, but the impact of 13 acres of land developing does not justify the addition of 4,000 feet of paving. The

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applicant was required to sign an irrevocable consent agreement for future improvements to Gettman Road and a subdivision application has been filed with the city for this land which will result in full improvement of the street frontage adjacent to the property and an additional 500 feet more or less of paving to be added. The findings do reflect Gettman Road's status as an Urban Minor Collector in the Hermiston TSP which has been co-adopted by Umatilla County. The findings reflect that this level of improvement is appropriate for the scale of development proposed.

Sincerely,

**Clinton Spencer** 

City Planner

C: Frank Gehring

Brandon Seitz

To:

**Planning Commission** 

From: Subject: Clinton Spencer, City Planner

Gehring Conversion and Annexation Request Gettman Road

Date:

August 1, 2017



**Planning** Department

Frank Gehring has submitted two applications to the City of Hermiston. One application is to change the comprehensive plan map designation from urbanizable "Future Residential" to urban "Low Density Residential." The second application is to annex the property into the city with a Duplex Residential (R-2) zoning designation. The planning commission will hold simultaneous hearings on both requests. However, the comprehensive plan map amendment must be forwarded to Umatilla County for co-adoption before the map amendment or annexation may take effect.

The property is located on the south side of W Gettman Road near the intersections with SW 9th Street and SW 10th Street and contains approximately 13 acres of land. The applicant seeks to bring the property into the city for residential development as a single-family subdivision. The property is described as 4N 28 15 Tax Lot 701.

Public notice requirements for the property have been met as follows:

- Notice of public hearing published in Hermiston Herald on July 19, 2017
- Notice of proposed land use action posted on property on July 19, 2017
- Notice of public hearing provided by direct mail to all property owners within 300 feet on July 19, 2017

Applicant:

Frank Gehring Construction Inc

Property Location:

The property is located on the south side of W Gettman Road approximately 300 feet east of SW 1tth Street and

intersects SW 9th Street and SW 10th Street.

**Existing Use:** 

The property is presently cultivated for agricultural use.

Surrounding Uses:

The property is adjacent to single family residential uses to the north, west, and east. Agricultural land lies to the

south.

Comp Plan Designation:

The land proposed for conversion lies within the urbanizable portion of the urban growth boundary and has a Future Residential comprehensive plan map

designation.

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Surrounding Comp Plan Designations:

Land to the west and east has a Future Residential comprehensive plan map designation. Land to the south is outside the Hermiston UGB and is designated for farm use. Land to the north is within the urban portion of the urban growth boundary and is designated as low density residential.

Existing Zoning:

The land proposed for conversion has a zoning designation of Future Urban 10-Acre Minimum (FU-10).

Surrounding Zoning:

Land to the north have an R-1 and R-2 zoning designation. Lands to the east and west have a zoning designation of FU-10. Lands to the south are zoned Exclusive Farm Use.

Requested Comp Plan Map Designation and Requested Zoning: Low Density Residential (L) and Duplex Residential (R-2).

### Requirements

§157.226 of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances provides the method and approval criteria for granting or denying an amendment to the zoning map. The proposed amendment has been deemed a quasi-judicial change in that it involves the map and does not have widespread and significant impact beyond the immediate area of the proposed amendment. The following criteria as cited in §157.226(E) must be followed in deciding upon a quasi-judicial proceeding:

- 1. The burden in all land use proceedings is upon the applicant, whether a zone change, conditional use or variance is the subject of the hearing.
- 2. The requested zone change must be justified by proof that:
  - a. The change is in conformance with the comprehensive plan and also the goals and policies of the plan.
  - b. The showing of public need for the rezoning and whether that public need is best served by changing the zoning classification on that property under consideration.
  - c. The public need is best served by changing the classification of the subject site in question as compared with other available property.
  - d. The potential impact upon the area resulting from the change has been considered.
- 3. The courts will require a "graduated burden of proof" depending upon the more intensive land use that will occur as a result of the proposed rezoning.

- 4. Procedural process for a quasi-judicial hearing:
  - a. Parties at a public hearing must have an opportunity to be heard, to present and rebut evidence.
  - b. There must be a record which will support the findings made by the city council or planning commission.

Notice of the proposed action for a comprehensive plan map amendment or zoning map amendment shall be submitted to the Department of Land Conservation and Development 35 days prior to the date set for the initial hearing.

After the close of the initial evidentiary hearing, the planning commission shall make findings of fact and recommend to the city council adoption, revision or denial of the proposed amendments. Notice of the hearing before the city council shall be by one publication in the local newspaper. After the close of the public hearing, the city council shall make findings of fact and adopt, adopt with changes, or deny the proposed amendments.

§150.05 of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances provides the requirements for annexations. The requirements for annexations are as follows:

- 1. The proposal is in conformance with all applicable state annexation requirements.
- 2. The property is contained within the urban portion of the urban growth boundary as identified on the comprehensive plan.
- 3. The proposed zoning is consistent with the underlying comprehensive plan designation.
- 4. Findings of fact are developed in support or denial of the annexation.
- 5. All city services can be readily extended and the property owner is wiling to bear costs associated with sewer, water and roads.

### **Draft Findings on Conversion**

# THE CHANGE IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ALSO THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE PLAN

- 1. The property is identified as Future Residential on the city's comprehensive plan map.
- 2. Changing the designation from Future Residential to Low Density Residential is consistent with existing plan designation.
- 3. The proposed Low Density Residential plan designation will implement the Future Residential Comprehensive Plan designation.

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- 4. Property to the north is entirely designated as Low Density Residential on the city's comprehensive plan map.
- 5. Property to the west and east is designated as Future Residential on the city's comprehensive plan map.
- 6. Property to the south is not within the city's urban growth boundary and is developed agriculturally.
- 7. Amending the comprehensive plan map designation from Future Residential to Low Density Residential is consistent with the overall comprehensive plan and the pattern of existing neighborhood development.
- 8. The city must maintain a balance of residential property. The proposed Low Density Residential designation allows for single-family and duplex dwellings as outright uses and multi-family uses as conditional uses.
- 9. The applicant will extend water and sewer services to the property as required by Policy 23 of the Comprehensive Plan and the applicant has applied for annexation as required by said Policy 23.

# DESCRIBE THE PUBLIC NEED FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND WHETHER THAT PUBLIC NEED IS BEST SERVED BY THE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON THE PROPERTY UNDER CONSIDERATION

- 10. The property lies within the urbanizable portion of the urban growth boundary.
- 11. The property designation must be amended from the urbanizable Future Residential designation to the urban Low Density Residential designation in order for annexation and a city zone to be assigned.
- 12. Hermiston has documented a shortage of buildable residential land within the city limits at the March 2017 planning commission workshop.
- 13. Adding 13 acres of land to the residential inventory will create a public benefit in supplementing the residential inventory and creating additional housing opportunities.

# EXPLAIN HOW THE PUBLIC NEED IS BEST SERVED BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE SITE IN QUESTION AS COMPARED WITH OTHER AVAILABLE PROPERTY

- 14. The property is located adjacent to sewer and water services in SW 9th Street.
- 15. The proximity of sewer and water adequate to service potential development of the 13 acres of land under consideration is closer and more economically developable than the majority of similar sized parcels within the UGB.
- 16. The property is adjacent to city limits on the north side of Gettman Road and east of SW 9th Street.
- 17. The property is more readily serviceable by existing city limits than several similar sized urbanizable properties within the UGB.
- 18. The property is adjacent to Armand Larive Middle School and within walking distance of Desert View Elementary School making this property a better

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candidate for residential development than other properties within the UGB that are farther from urban services.

# EXPLAIN HOW THE POTENTIAL IMPACT UPON THE AREA RESULTING FROM THE CHANGE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED

19. The land proposed for conversion will have the same zoning designation as developed lands to the north.

20. The land will be developed in a low-density manner consistent with the pattern of existing development in the surrounding area to the west, east, and south. As noted, the land to the south is actively farmed and otherwise undeveloped.

21. W Gettman Road is classified as an urban minor collector.

22. At the time of property development, the W Gettman Road frontage adjacent to the site will be developed to minor collector standards, including pavement widening, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and drainage improvements.

23. The property has sufficient width and depth to create an internal circulation plan serviced by an internal street network. New driveway connections to W Gettman Road will be minimized to preserve traffic flow.

### **Draft Findings on Annexation**

- 1. The City has received consent to annexation from the property owners for approximately 13 acres of land.
- Notice of public hearing was published in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks prior to the planning commission hearing. Notices were also posted in four public places in the city for a like period. A notice of public hearing was also physically posted on the property. No comments or remonstrances have been received at this date as a result of the publication or posting.
- Affected agencies were notified by direct mail.
- 4. A public hearing of the planning commission was held on August 9, 2017. No comments were received at the hearing.
- 5. The proposal is consistent with all applicable state annexation requirements.
- 6. Since the property is contiguous to the existing city limits, the annexation is in accord with Comprehensive Plan Policy 4 which promotes compact urban development within and adjacent to existing urban areas to insure efficient utilization of land resources and facilitates economic provision of urban facilities and services.

- 7. The annexation is consistent with the requirements of Comprehensive Plan Policy 5 relating to annexation.
- 8. Following adoption of conversion from urbanizable to urban status by the City of Hermiston and Umatilla County, the property will be located within the urban portion of the urban growth boundary (UGB) as identified on the comprehensive plan map.
- 9. The annexation and existing residential development are consistent with applicable comprehensive plan policies and map designations.
- 10. This annexation will not have an adverse impact on the area because it is developed in a similar and compatible manner to adjacent properties.
- 11. Sewer and water will be available to service this property following extension by the applicant.

### Zoning Designation

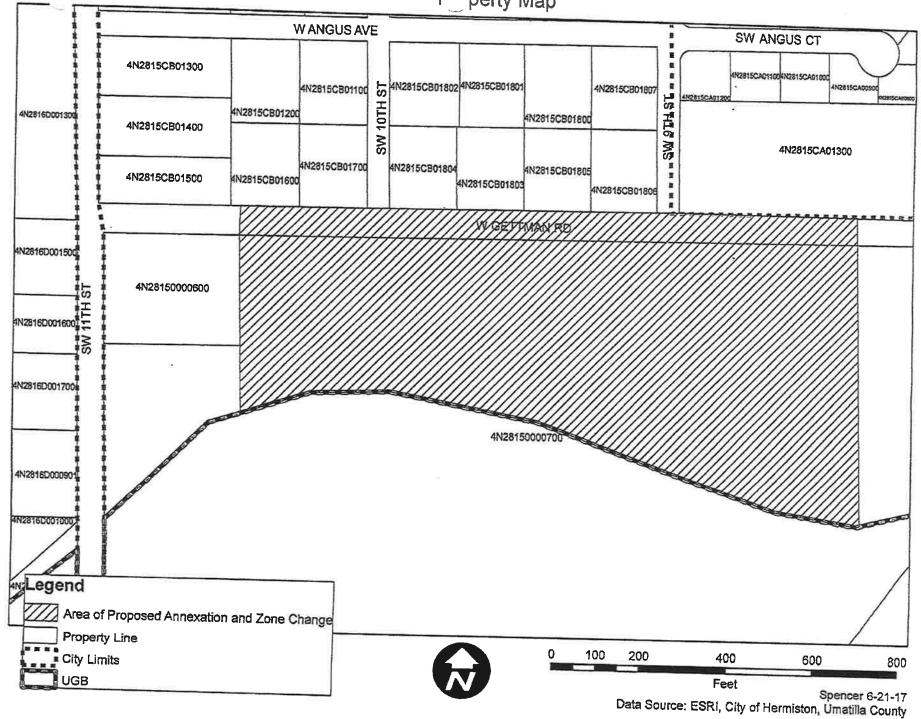
- 1. Following amendment by the city, the comprehensive plan map will designate the area as Low Density Residential.
- 2. The proposed Duplex Residential zone designation corresponds with the underlying Low Density Residential comprehensive plan designation.

### Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the findings of fact, as may be amended, be adopted. Staff recommends that the planning commission make a recommendation to the city council that the comprehensive plan map amendment be adopted as submitted and the property be annexed with an R-2 zoning designation.

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### CITY OF HERMISTON

### APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION

text or	ant to the provisions of §157.226 of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances, application is hereby made to amend the the comprehensive plan map for the following described property:
	of Applicant: FRANK W. GEHRING CONST. INC. Phone: 541571-2961
Mailing	Address: 79344 PRINDIG 1000 Rd. HEKDISTON DYR. 97838
Name	of Owner (If Different): GLEN AND JOH, WULFF Phone: 541-567-5967  Address: 795 W. GETTMAN ROAD HERMISTON OB, 97838
Mailing	Address: 795 W. GETTMAN ROAD HERMISTON OR, 97838
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ADDIT	IONAL INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED AND ATTACHED TO APPLICATION:	
The abo commiss schedule and Imp provided	Evidence that applicant is owner or purchaser of the property or has written permission of such owner to make an application for the proposed use.  Two copies (one digital copy) of a site plan (11" x 17") drawn to scale, showing the location of the property concerned, the location of all proposed building(s), highways, streets, and alleys.  A metes and bounds legal description of the entire property proposed for conversion. A metes and bounds description of each individual parcel is not sufficient.  Every statements are true to the best of my beliefs and knowledge. As applicant, I understand that the planning sion/city council requests the attendance of me, or my representative, at the meeting(s) where this request is lose those conditions as may be necessary to lessen probable adverse impacts based upon the testimony of Applicant.	
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	Office Use Only  :	

### CITY OF HERMISTON

### **APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION**

	Pursuant to the provisions of ORS Chapter 222 and Chapter 150 of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances, application
	hereby made to annex the following described property:
	(541)
ě	Name of Applicant: FRANE W. GEHRING CONST. 1NC. Phone: 571-2961
	Name of Applicant: FRANE W. GEHRING CONST. INC. Phone: 571-2961  Mailing Address: 79344 PRINALE LOOP Rd. HERMISTON OR. 97838
	Contact Person: FRANK GEHRING Phone 541-571-296
	Malling Address:
	Name of Owner (If Different): GENEJay Wulff Phone: 541-567-596
	Mailing Address: 795 W. GETTMAN ROAD HER, Wiston, OR, 97838
	Legal Description: Assessor's Map No: Tax Lot No:
	Subdivision (If Applicable):
	Street Address:
	CREATE  Current Comprehensive Plan Designation: Sub-Division Proposed Zoning Designation: R-2
	Land Area (In Acres): 13,10
	Existing Use of Property:
	Number of Single-Family Units: Number of Multi-Family Units:
	Number of Commercial Units: Number of Industrial Units:
	Public Facilities or Other Uses:
	Population: Owners:
	Please include the Names and Ages of All Residents:
5	Surrounding Use of Property:
	North: REsidentual and Middle School
	South: RURAL RESIDENTUAL

East: RURAL RESIDENTUAL
West: Rupol REsidentaral
Current Year Taxes: Previous Year Taxes:
Total Assessed Valuation: \$ 400,000=
Total Additional Property
Please provide a general description of the property including topography, vegetation, drainage basins, flood plain area
etc.;
LEVEL FARM LAND / CURENTLY PLANTED FOR
2017 WATERMELON HARVEST
Please explain why the annexation has been proposed:
FOR SUB-divisiON DEVELOPMENT OF NEW RESIDENTIAL HOMES
the development will be residential, commercial or industrial and include building types, public facilities, number of units etc.:  DEVIDE ACREGE INTO Approximately 45 Lot  To Build Singile family dwellings
Does the proposed development conform to the uses allowed under the proposed zoning designation?
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Please provide the following information regarding services and utilities:
Location and size of the nearest water line:
8" LINE AT INTERSECTION OF S.W. Poth st
AND CHETTIMAN ROOM

10" LINE AT INTERSECTION OF SWITH AND GETTMAN ROAD Proximity of other facilities (storm drains, gas lines, irrigation lines, etc.): GAS LINE 300' WORTH OF GETTMAN Rd OWS IRRIGATION LOWE RUNS through Proposed PROPERTY to Augus ACRES The time at which services can be reasonably provided by the city or other district upon Completion of Jub-division The estimated cost of extending such facilities and/or services and the method of financing: FIWANCED BY: 809000 to 850,000 to CREATE 306-0114100 FRANKW. GEHRING LOUST THE FRANK OF EASTERN OREGOD Availability of the desired selvice from any other unit of local government (Please Indicated which government): Please indicate the roads that adjoin the parcel or will provide service to the parcel:

GETTMAN Rd , S.W. 9 th AND S.W. 10 th Please indicate the condition of the roads and any improvements that are projected: FRONTAGE OF EETTMAN Rd, NEWLEY PAVED IN LAST 3 YEARS WILL NEED STORMERIN, CURB AND SIDEWALK TO SOUTH SIDE, FROM SW. 9th to WEST the END OF PROPERTOD 9th to EAST END OF PROPERTOD SOUTH SIDE OF STEET PAVED , STORMERAIN, CURB AND SIDEWALK Please indicate if any new roads will be created or extended through the property: EXTEND S.W. 9th AND S.W. 10th INTO SUB-division with Additional STREETS And Connecting SITREETS to BE CREATED for Appended of Sub-division PLAT,

Location and size of the nearest sewer line:

If the property is presently included within the bound indicate by stating the name or names of the government.	oundaries of any of the following types of governmental units, please vernmental units involved.
Rural Fire District: Umatilla	
School District: HELMS TeN	
Library District:	
Special Road District:	
Please indicate which services are presently	being received in the territory (For example, are residents receiving
municipal water or sewer services?):	•
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### **RE: Gehring Construction annexation**

Clinton Spencer <cspencer@hermiston.or.us>
To: Tamra Mabbott <tamra.mabbott@umatillacounty.net>

Tue, Aug 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM

Thanks for the comments.

From: Tamra Mabbott [mailto:tamra.mabbott@umatillacounty.net]

Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Clinton Spencer <a href="mailto:cspencer@hermiston.or.us">cspencer@hermiston.or.us</a>

<robert.waldher@umatillacounty.net>
Subject: Gehring Construction annexation

Hello Clint - Thank you for the notice on the proposed Frank Gehring Construction annexation. A map of the property is attached. The property abuts approximately 1,468 feet of Gettman Road, a county road. Since the road was improved with asphalt when the middle school was constructed, Public Works is not recommending additional improvements at this time. We would like to request two conditions be imposed on the rezone.

- 1. Sign and record an Irrevocable Consent Agreement to participate in road improvements if the city and/or county initiate road improvements in the future. (County can provide the template for this agreement).
- 2. Obtain Access Permits from county Public Works.

Thank you.

Cordially, Tamra

### Tamra Mabbott, Planning Director

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### HERMISTON PLANNING COMMISSION

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Regular Meeting

UMATILLA COUNTY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

August 9, 2017

Commissioner Saylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Commissioners Caplinger, Erz, Rebman and Frederic were present. Commissioners Hamm, Doherty, Fialka and Flaiz were excused.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the July 12, 2017, regular Planning Commission meeting were approved as written.

### Hearing-Conversion and Annexation W Gettman Road

The planning commission is holding a hearing to consider an application from Frank W. Gehring Construction, Inc for conversion and annexation of 13.10 acres of land located at 995 W Gettman Road. The property is described at 4N 28 15 Tax Lot 701. Applicant proposes to annex the property with a Duplex Residential (R-2) zoning designation and amend the Comprehensive Plan Map from Future Residential to Low Density Residential.

Chairman Saylor asked if any commissioners had a conflict of interest. Hearing none, the hearing was opened at 7:01PM. The following hearing guidelines were read:

- a. The applicable substantive criteria relied upon by the City in rendering the decision to amend the Comprehensive Plan Map and annex the property are contained in §156.08 and §150.05 of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances.
- b. Testimony and evidence must be directed toward the criteria described above or other criteria in the comprehensive plan or land use regulations which the person believes apply to the decision.
- c. Failure to raise an issue by the close of the record at or following the hearing, in person or by letter, precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) or the city council based on that issue.
- d. Failure to raise an issue with sufficient specificity to afford the decision maker and the parties an opportunity to respond to that issue precludes appeal to LUBA or the city council based on that issue.
- e. Failure to raise constitutional or other issues relating to proposed conditions of approval with sufficient specificity to allow the local government or its designee to respond to the issue precludes an action for damages in circuit court.
- f. Prior to the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing, any participant may request an opportunity to present additional evidence, arguments or testimony regarding the application. The planning commission shall grant such a request by continuing the public hearing pursuant to ORS 197.763(6)(B) or leaving the record open for additional written evidence, arguments or testimony pursuant to ORS 197.763(6)(C).

For this hearing, the process begins with the staff report, followed by testimony from the applicants and any other supporters of the application. This will be followed by opponents to the application. Finally, a rebuttal by the applicant will be allowed. The public hearing portion of the procedure will then be closed, and the planning commission will consider the information and testimony received adopt findings of fact, and make a recommendation to the city council on conversion a annexation.

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The property is located on the south side of W Gettman Road near the intersections with SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street and SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street and contains approximately 13 acres of land. The applicant seeks to bring the property into the city for residential development as a single-family subdivision. The property is described as 4N 28 15 Tax Lot 701.

Public notice requirements for the property have been met as follows:

- Notice of public hearing published in Hermiston Herald on July 19, 2017
- Notice of proposed land use action posted on property on July 19, 2017
- Notice of public hearing provided by direct mail to all property owners within 300 feet on July 19, 2017

Applicant:	Frank Gehring Construction Inc
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Property Location: The property is located on the south side of W Gettman

Road approximately 300 feet east of SW 1tth Street and

intersects SW 9th Street and SW 10th Street.

Existing Use: The property is presently cultivated for agricultural use.

Surrounding Uses: The property is adjacent to single family residential uses to

the north, west, and east. Agricultural land lies to the

south.

Comp Plan Designation: The land proposed for conversion lies within the

urbanizable portion of the urban growth boundary and has a Future Residential comprehensive plan map designation.

Surrounding Comp Plan

Designations:

Land to the west and east has a Future Residential comprehensive plan map designation. Land to the south is

outside the Hermiston UGB and is designated for farm use. Land to the north is within the urban portion of the urban growth boundary and is designated as low density

residential.

Existing Zoning: The land proposed for conversion has a zoning designation

of Future Urban 10-Acre Minimum (FU-10).

Surrounding Zoning: Land to the north have an R-1 and R-2 zoning designation.

Lands to the east and west have a zoning designation of FU-10. Lands to the south are zoned Exclusive Farm Use.

Requested Comp Plan Map Designation and Requested Zoning: Low Density Residential (L) and Duplex Residential (R-2).

### Requirements

§157.226 of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances provides the method and approval criteria for granting or denying an amendment to the zoning map. The proposed amendment has been deemed a quasi-judicial change in that it involves the map and does not have widespread and significant impact beyond the immediate area of the proposed amendment. The following criteria as cited in §157.226(E) must be followed in deciding upon a quasi-judicial proceeding:

- 1. The burden in all land use proceedings is upon the applicant, whether a zone change, conditional use or variance is the subject of the hearing.
- 2. The requested zone change must be justified by proof that:
  - a. The change is in conformance with the comprehensive plan and also the goals and policies of the plan.
  - b. The showing of public need for the rezoning and whether that public need is best served by changing the zoning classification on that property under consideration.
  - c. The public need is best served by changing the classification of the subject site in question as compared with other available property.
  - d. The potential impact upon the area resulting from the change has been considered.
- 3. The courts will require a "graduated burden of proof" depending upon the more intensive land that will occur as a result of the proposed rezoning.
- 4. Procedural process for a quasi-judicial hearing:
  - a. Parties at a public hearing must have an opportunity to be heard, to present and rebut evidence.
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After the close of the initial evidentiary hearing, the planning commission shall make findings of fact and recommend to the city council adoption, revision or denial of the proposed amendments. Notice of the hearing before the city council shall be by one publication in the local newspaper. After the close of the public hearing, the city council shall make findings of fact and adopt, adopt with changes, or deny the proposed amendments.

§150.05 of the Hermiston Code of Ordinances provides the requirements for annexations. The requirements for annexations are as follows:

1. The proposal is in conformance with all applicable state annexation requirements.

- 2. The property is contained within the urban portion of the urban growth boundary as identified on the comprehensive plan.
- 3. The proposed zoning is consistent with the underlying comprehensive plan designation.
- 4. Findings of fact are developed in support or denial of the annexation.
- 5. All city services can be readily extended and the property owner is willing to bear costs associated with sewer, water and roads.

### Findings of Fact on Conversion

## THE CHANGE IS IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ALSO THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE PLAN

- 1. The property is identified as Future Residential on the city's comprehensive plan map.
- 2. Changing the designation from Future Residential to Low Density Residential is consistent with existing plan designation.
- 3. The proposed Low Density Residential plan designation will implement the Future Residential Comprehensive Plan designation.
- 4. Property to the north is entirely designated as Low Density Residential on the city's comprehensive plan map.
- 5. Property to the west and east is designated as Future Residential on the city's comprehensive plan map.
- 6. Property to the south is not within the city's urban growth boundary and is developed agriculturally.
- 7. Amending the comprehensive plan map designation from Future Residential to Low Density Residential is consistent with the overall comprehensive plan and the pattern of existing neighborhood development.
- 8. The city must maintain a balance of residential property. The proposed Low Density Residential designation allows for single-family and duplex dwellings as outright uses and multi-family uses as conditional uses.
- 9. The applicant will extend water and sewer services to the property as required by Policy 23 of the Comprehensive Plan and the applicant has applied for annexation as required by said Policy 23.

# DESCRIBE THE PUBLIC NEED FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT AND WHETHER THAT PUBLIC NEED IS BEST SERVED BY THE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION ON THE PROPERTY UNDER CONSIDERATION

- 10. The property lies within the urbanizable portion of the urban growth boundary.
- 11. The property designation must be amended from the urbanizable Future Residential designation to the urban Low Density Residential designation in order for annexation and a city zone to be assigned.
- 12. Hermiston has documented a shortage of buildable residential land within the city limits at the March 2017 planning commission workshop.
- 13. Adding 13 acres of land to the residential inventory will create a public benefit in supplementing the residential inventory and creating additional housing opportunities.

# EXPLAIN HOW THE PUBLIC NEED IS BEST SERVED BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE SITE IN QUESTION AS COMPARED WITH OTHER AVAILABLE PROPERTY

- 14. The property is located adjacent to sewer and water services in SW 9th Street.
- 15. The proximity of sewer and water adequate to service potential development of the 13 acres of land under consideration is closer and more economically developable than the majority of similar s parcels within the UGB.
- 16. The property is adjacent to city limits on the north side of Gettman Road and east of SW 9th Street.
- 17. The property is more readily serviceable by existing city limits than several similar sized urbanizable properties within the UGB.
- 18. The property is adjacent to Armand Larive Middle School and within walking distance of Desert View Elementary School making this property a better candidate for residential development than other properties within the UGB that are farther from urban services.

## EXPLAIN HOW THE POTENTIAL IMPACT UPON THE AREA RESULTING FROM THE CHANGE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED

- 19. The land proposed for conversion will have the same zoning designation as developed lands to the north.
- 20. The land will be developed in a low-density manner consistent with the pattern of existing development in the surrounding area to the west, east, and south. As noted, the land to the south is actively farmed and otherwise undeveloped.
- 21. W Gettman Road is classified as an urban minor collector.
- 22. At the time of property development, the W Gettman Road frontage adjacent to the site will be developed to minor collector standards, including pavement widening, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and drainage improvements.
- 23. The property has sufficient width and depth to create an internal circulation plan serviced by an internal street network. New driveway connections to W Gettman Road will be minimized preserve traffic flow.

### Findings of Fact on Annexation

- 1. The City has received consent to annexation from the property owners for approximately 13 acres of land.
- Notice of public hearing was published in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks prior to the planning commission hearing. Notices were also posted in four public places in the city for a like period. A notice of public hearing was also physically posted on the property. No comments or remonstrances have been received at this date as a result of the publication or posting.
- 3. Affected agencies were notified by direct mail.
- 4. A public hearing of the planning commission was held on August 9, 2017. Testimony in support of the annexation was received at the hearing.
- 5. The proposal is consistent with all applicable state annexation requirements.
- 6. Since the property is contiguous to the existing city limits, the annexation is in accord with Comprehensive Plan Policy 4 which promotes compact urban development within and adjacent to existing urban areas to insure efficient utilization of land resources and facilitates econom provision of urban facilities and services.

- 7. The annexation is consistent with the requirements of Comprehensive Plan Policy 5 relating to annexation.
- 8. Following adoption of conversion from urbanizable to urban status by the City of Hermiston and Umatilla County, the property will be located within the urban portion of the urban growth boundary (UGB) as identified on the comprehensive plan map.
- 9. The annexation and existing residential development are consistent with applicable comprehensive plan policies and map designations.
- 10. This annexation will not have an adverse impact on the area because it is developed in a similar and compatible manner to adjacent properties.
- 11. Sewer and water will be available to service this property following extension by the applicant.

### **Zoning Designation**

- 1. Following amendment by the city, the comprehensive plan map will designate the area as Low Density Residential.
- 2. The proposed Duplex Residential zone designation corresponds with the underlying Low Density Residential comprehensive plan designation.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the findings of fact, as may be amended, be adopted. Staff recommends that the planning commission make a recommendation to the city council that the comprehensive plan map amendment be adopted as submitted and the property be annexed with an R-2 zoning designation.

City Planner Spencer stated that an email was received today from the Umatilla County Planning Department requesting the property be bound by an irrevocable consent agreement for Gettman Road improvements should the development not go through.

#### Testimony

Frank Gehring 79344 Prindle Loop Road- Mr. Gehring applied for R-2 zoning to be able to put more houses on the property. He is planning on having CCR's in place to restrict duplexes and businesses in the development. Mr. Gehring anticipates the price range of the homes to be sold between \$275,000 and \$325,000.

Annette Kirkpatrick- 210 SW Angus-Ms. Kirkpatrick lives in the neighborhood north of the proposed development. She has not heard any negative feedback from neighbors. Ms. Kirkpatrick is also representing the Hermiston Irrigation District. The HID will work with Mr. Gehring on fencing and coexisting as the homes will go right up to the federal easement on the canal.

Chairman Saylor closed the hearing at 7:13PM.

Commissioner Erz moved and Commissioner Caplinger seconded to adopt the findings on conversion as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Caplinger moved and Commissioner Rebman seconded to recommend the city council

approve the comprehensive plan map amendment from Future Residential to Low Density Residential on the condition that the property owner sign an irrevocable consent agreement for street improvements. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Rebman moved and Commissioner Erz seconded to approve the findings on annexation with the change to #4. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Erz moved and Commissioner Caplinger seconded to recommend the city council approve the annexation of the property with a zoning designation of R-2. Motion passed unanimously.

### Planner Comments and Unscheduled Communications

City Planner Spencer informed the commissioners that the planning commission will assume the duties of reviewing Hermiston Urban Renewal Agency façade grant applications and making recommendations to the city council.

The September planning meeting will include the residential code amendments hearing.

Charlotte Dack was named realtor of the year. She is the longest practicing realtor in the state.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

### **Staff Report**

For the Meeting of August 14, 2017

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item #

NO. 2017 -

SUBJECT: Gehring Conversion and Annexation Request

#### Subject

Frank Gehring has petitioned the city to annex 13 acres at 995 W Gettman Road to develop a residential subdivision. In order to annex the property the land must be converted from Future Residential to Low Density Residential on the comprehensive plan map.

### Summary and Background

Frank Gehring has submitted two applications to the City of Hermiston. One application is to change the comprehensive plan map designation from urbanizable "Future Residential" to urban "Low Density Residential." The second application is to annex the property into the city with a Duplex Residential (R-2) zoning designation. The city council will hold simultaneous hearings on both requests. However, the comprehensive plan map amendment must be forwarded to Umatilla County for co-adoption before the map amendment or annexation may take effect.

The property is located on the south side of W Gettman Road near the intersections with SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street and SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street and contains approximately 13 acres of land. The applicant seeks to bring the property into the city for residential development as a single-family subdivision. The property is described as 4N 28 15 Tax Lot 701.

Public notice requirements for the property have been met as follows:

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Applicant:

Frank Gehring Construction Inc.

**Property Location:** 

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Road approximately 300 feet east of SW 1tth Street and

intersects SW 9th Street and SW 10th Street.

Existing Use:

The property is presently cultivated for agricultural use.

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Surrounding Uses:

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Comp Plan Designation:

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<u>Surrounding Comp Plan</u> <u>Designations:</u> Land to the west and east has a Future Residential comprehensive plan map designation. Land to the south is outside the Hermiston UGB and is designated for farm use. Land to the north is within the urban portion of the urban growth boundary and is designated as low density residential.

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Requested Comp Plan Map
Designation and Requested
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### Fiscal Information

The land is proposed for development as a residential subdivision containing 46 lots. At the time the property is fully developed, the development will generate an additional \$79,000 per year in property tax revenue.

### **Alternatives and Recommendation**

The city council may choose to:

1. Adopt the two ordinances amending the comprehensive plan designation and annexing the property as R-2.

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2. Reject the two ordinances and leave the property in the county

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the council choose option 1 and amend the comprehensive plan designation and annex the property.

Requested Action/Motion

Motion following the closure of the hearing to adopt the findings of fact attached as Exhibit A on conversion.

Motion following the closure of the hearing to adopt the findings of fact attached as Exhibit B on annexation.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2246.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2247.

Reviewed by:

Department Head - Clinton Spencer, City Planner

City Manager Approval

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### **Draft Findings on Conversion**

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Date: Mon., Aug. 14, 2017

Mayor Drotzmann called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Present were Councilors Kirwan, Hardin, Myers, Primmer, Gutierrez, and Smith. Councilors Davis and Beas-Fitzgerald were excused. Staff members in attendance were City Manager Byron Smith, City Attorney Gary Luisl, Assistant City Manager Mark Morgan, Chief Edmiston, Clint Spencer, Larry Fetter, Tom Creasing, Nate Rivera, Scott Clark, Tim Miears, Chas Hutchins, and Lilly Alarcon-Strong. News media present was Jade McDowell from the East Oregonian. The pledge of allegiance was given.

#### Presentation- Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

City Manager Smith stated the City was awarded its consecutive 27<sup>th</sup> annual Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. City Manager Smith thanked Finance Director Amy Palmer and staff for their work in continuing this tradition.

Mayor Drotzmann congratulated the City for this achievement and thanked Finance Director Amy Palmer and staff.

#### **Consent Items**

Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Hardin seconded to approve all Consent Agenda items, to include:

- A. Minutes of the July 24th, work session and regular City Council meeting.
- B. Minutes of the July 28th, Public Safety Committee meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Hearing for conversion and annexation of 13.10 acres located at 995 W Gettman Road.

Hearing no potential conflicts of interest, City Planner Clint Spencer read the hearing guidelines and Mayor Drotzmann opened the hearing at 7:06pm.

City Planner Clint Spencer presented the Council with information regarding an application from Frank W. Gehring Construction, Inc for conversion and annexation of 13.10 acres of land located at 995 W Gettman Road. The property is described at 4N 28 15 Tax Lot 701. Mr. Gehring proposes to annex the property with a Duplex Residential (R-2) zoning designation and amend the Comprehensive Plan Map from Future Residential to Low Density Residential. The applicant seeks to bring the property into the city for residential development as a single-family subdivision. At the time of property development, the W Gettman Road frontage adjacent to the site will be developed to collector standards, including pavement widening, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and drainage improvements. Gettman Road residents would like the City to consider paving the entire road, so the City Council will need to consider whether or not 46 new homes is enough of an impact to pay for this expense. County Commissioners must also approve the Comprehensive Plan Map in order for full adoption to take place.

#### Proponents:

Frank Gehring stated he would like to develop the land into 46 single-family homes ranging in lot size from 8,000 sq ft to 15,000 sq ft, with homes ranging in size of 2,038 sq ft to 3,000 sq ft. No duplexes or business will be constructed on this site. The subdivision will be made of beautiful, higher standard homes, with the future growth of the City in mind. Each home will be listed for sale for between \$275,000 to \$325,000. Depending on the market and sale of the homes, Mr. Gehring believes all phases of the property will be completed in about 4 years.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked Mr. Gehring for his willingness to help solve the housing dilemma Hermiston is facing.

#### Opponents:

Gary Stolz 150 W Gettman Rd, stated he and his wife have lived on Gettman Road for the last 30 years. Mr. Stolz stated he is against this proposed action as the school's Impact to Gettman Road was not calculated correctly as many vehicles, including school buses, travel on this road to get to and from school. Residents were promised that school buses would not use this road, except to pick up students, but this is not the case. The road gets extremely dusty as there is much more traffic in the area now. Dust abatement can be expensive and does not always work as well. Mr. Stolz stated he is also concerned about how much more vehicle traffic there will be if duplexes are built instead of single-family homes. Mr. Stolz stated he and his neighbors have brought these dust concerns, due to the school traffic, to the County, City, and School Board but no one wants to do anything about it.

Dennis Burke 370 W Gettman Rd, stated he feels like a neutral party in this discussion as he is very supportive of this project and knows, first hand, how affordable housing is needed in Hermiston. Mr. Burke stated he has lived on Gettman Rd for over 28 years and believes, like Gary, that there is a problem with all the traffic and dust on Gettman Rd due to the school. He and neighbors were reassured that the school would not impact traffic on Gettman Rd. but this has not been the case. Heavy traffic does not only consist of mornings and afternoons, but also evenings during after school events. He has brought the dust issue to the County who has told him they do not pave roads. Dust abatement does not always work as traffic is more than what the abatement can handle. And, although, dust and traffic are a concern, the biggest concern he has is with traffic accidents. There have been multiple accidents on this road because of the corrugated roadway. They have hit trees, flipped their vehicles on property, and gone into the irrigation ditch because this roadway has not been maintained by the County. Someone needs to take control of this road; because, if a beautiful new subdivision is built, it will be very difficult to tell people "Don't drive the rest of Gettman Rd" when that is the closest access to the main part of town.

Mayor Drotzmann asked if he and the neighbors have discussed participating in an LID.

Mr. Burke stated no, only abatements.

Mayor Drotzmann asked City Planner Clint Spencer how much it would cost to pave the rest of the County Road, on Gettman, that would not be paved by the developer.

City Planner Clint Spencer stated \$2 million.

Tim Key 240 W Gettman Rd, stated his family moved to Gettman Rd, from Morrow County, about 9 years ago and thought it would be a nice, quiet place to raise his family, and it was, until the new school was built. Due to the increased traffic, there is an increase of dust, and wishes he would have never bought the home due to the dust that accumulates on and in his home and vehicles.

Mr. Key suggested as a cost savings option, that the bridge be taken out and make Gettman Rd a dead end street. Mr. Key stated he agrees, Hermiston needs more housing, but wants to know why duplexes are an option if the intent is to only build single-family houses.

Frank Gehring stated the City's zoning lot coverage sizing requires a certain lot size per house, the R2 zoning allows a bigger lot size so a bigger house could be built. Mr. Gehring stated he has traveled on Gettman Rd and agrees with residents about the street conditions.

Mr. Gehring stated he lives on Prindle Loop Rd and the residents that live on this road, chip sealed the road; his cost was \$1,000 for the 300 ft portion of road and the County said they would maintain the road after the chip seal. Mr. Gehring suggested, as an alternative, that the rest of the road be chip sealed.

Mayor Drotzmann asked how long the chip seal will last.

City Engineer Chas Hutchins stated due to the heavier traffic from the school buses, a chip seal on Gettman Rd would last about 5 years.

City Planner Clint Spencer stated when the conditional use permit was issued for Armand Lairve, one of conditions was that school buses were not to go east bound on Gettman Rd. If they are traveling on this road again, as this is not the first time, he will need to contact the School District regarding this Issue. Mr. Spencer stated the \$2 million estimate to pave the rest of Gettman Rd also includes rebuilding the railroad crossing and paving the ditch.

City Engineer Chas Hutchins stated the improvements mentioned by Mr. Spencer are needed for safety issues.

Mayor Drotzmann stated there is an obvious interest, from all parties, to improve Gettman Rd. The challenge is indicating who is responsible for these improvements, and unfortunately, these issues cannot be remedied tonight,

After no further pubic testimony the hearing was closed at 7:43pm.

City Planner Clint Spencer outlined the finds of fact to the Council on conversion and annexation as prepared in the agenda packet.

Councilor Kirwan moved and Councilor Myers seconded to approve the conversion findings of fact as written. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded to approve the annexation findings of fact as written. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2246 – Amend the comprehensive plan map for 13.10 acres of land located at 995 W Gettman Road from Future Residential to Low Density Residential. City Planner Clint Spencer stated information regarding Ordinance No. 2246 was presented earlier during the public hearing.

Mayor Drotzmann requested that the first reading be by title only. Hearing no opposition, City Attorney Luisi read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the ordinance be put on for final adoption at this meeting and that the second reading be by title only.

After City Attorney Luisi read the ordinance by title only for the second reading Councilor Gutierrez moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded that Ordinance 2246 be adopted tonight and become effective 30-days after co-adoption by the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2247 – Annex 13.10 acres of land located at 995 W Gettman Road to the City of Hermiston with a Duplex Residential (R-2) zoning designation. City Planner Clint Spencer stated information regarding Ordinance No. 2247 was presented earlier during the public hearing.

Gary Stolz asked if the County will need to approve these ordinances in order for this action to become effective.

Mayor Drotzmann stated yes.

Mayor Drotzmann requested that the first reading be by title only. Hearing no opposition, City Attorney Luisi read the ordinance by title only. Mayor Drotzmann requested that the ordinance be put on for final adoption at this meeting and that the second reading be by title only. After City Attorney Luisi read the ordinance by title only for the second reading Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded that Ordinance 2247 be adopted tonight and become effective 30-days after co-adoption by the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2066 - Approving Umatilla County Extension Service District to be placed on the ballot. - was read and discussed. City Manager Smith gave a brief presentation regarding the requested resolution from Oregon State University Extension to be placed on the ballot and its impact on the City.

After Council discussion, Mayor Drotzmann opened the conversation to public comment.

Steve Williams 205 SE Crestline, encouraged the Council to approve Resolution 2066 and let the citizens decide. Mr. Williams stated the economy of Hermiston and surrounding areas are heavily influenced by the agricultural industry. Farmers provide many employment opportunities and purchase a great deal of supplies and materials from local businesses. The agricultural community has contributed continued growth in our City, economy, population, and education. The formation of the district will provide a more stable source of funding, and the benefits of this formation will far exceed the financial impact.

Ray Baker 29450 Knight Rd, encouraged the Council to approve this resolution and let the voters decide. Mr. Baker stated he is a 4H leader in the community and the resources that the experiment station provide to the kids participating in 4H is phenomenal. The wide variety of knowledge they gain from the experiment station is unsurpassed, and, in turn, the community is benefiting from what they all bring.

Vern Frederickson 240 E McKinney, stated he appreciates the Councils willingness to let the voters decide. Everyone benefits from agriculture and the community should help support this important effort.

Ben Kramison 1034 SW 19<sup>th</sup> Ct, stated he appreciates the Councils open mindedness to allow this question to go to the voters. This is a strong agricultural community and things like this are extremely important.

Phil Hamm 32738 Diagonal Rd, stated he is representing Oregon State University. The cities of Umatilla, Ukiah, Athena, and Weston have approved similar resolutions and Mr. Hamm is asking that Hermiston also approve this resolution. Mr. Hamm distributed a letter in support to approve this resolution from Tom Spoo, who is a very active member in 4H, and understands the value it brings to kids and the community. Mr. Hamm stated OSU just submitted a \$5.2 million federal grant related to nitrates in ground water, and leading this effort on understanding where nitrates are coming from and how we can fit it. This is a very important issue for Hermiston and surrounding areas, and goes to show that OSU is working on much more than people may realize.

After some discussion, Councilor Myers moved and Councilor Kirwan seconded to approve Resolution No. 2066 and lay upon the record. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Mayors Report**

Mayor Drotzmann apologized for missing the work session meeting as he was invited to meet with Secretary of Energy Rick Perry and Representative Walden during this time frame. Mayor Drotzmann stated Mr. Perry was very generous with his time and had some very exciting things to say about safe, reliable, and affordable electricity.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and staff, and Councilors Davis, Hardin, and Myers, and the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, and local producers for their time during the annual Portland Watermelon seed spitting contest and giveaway on August 4<sup>th</sup>, and the local producers for their contributions to this annual event.

Mayor Drotzmann thanked all those who participated in the Fair Parade is on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Drotzmann thanked the Watermelon Float Committee for getting the float ready and organized for the parade and Jim Lund from the Recycled Water Plant who drove the float.

Mayor Drotzmann stated Monday's Fair and Rodeo grounds ribbon cutting was well attended, as well as the Fair and Rodeo events for the rest of the week. It has been a very busy couple of weeks for Hermiston.

### Council Report

Councilor Kirwan commended the EOTEC, Farm City Pro Rodeo, and Fair Boards as the fair, barns, and rodeo grounds and facilities were great. Everything was great!

Mayor Drotzmann agreed and also thanked all of the hundreds of volunteers who helped get everything cleaned up and ready for the events. Mayor Drotzmann thanked Nate Rivera for accepting the interim General Manager Position.

Nate Rivera stated he is happy and eager to take on this challenge and appreciates the opportunity.

### City Manager's Report

City Manager Smith agreed and stated adjustments and improvements will continue to be made for continued success of the grounds and events at EOTEC. With Mr. Rivera's help, there is a possibility an outside firm will be coming in to run the facility. Mr. Rivera will also continue his work with Hermiston Energy Services as well. City Manager Smith stated his position on the EOTEC Board will also be changing now that the construction side has been completed and the Board focuses more on the operation side.

Construction for the Harkenrider Center continues. Security cameras have been installed at City Hall, and a cash depositing system will soon be implemented so staff no longer has to make deposits. The Finance Director position has been advertised through Prothman and will be open for about five weeks. This is a difficult position to fill, but Prothman will do their diligence to seek out the best applicants.

# Recess and Convened Urban Renewal Agency Meeting

Mayor Drotzmann recessed the regular meeting at 8:36pm and immediately convened the Urban Renewal Agency Meeting.

### Façade grant application for Lucky Endz located at 239 E Main Street

City Planner Clint Spencer presented the agency with the façade grant improvements application and supporting documents for Lucky Endz in the amount of \$7,475.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Smlth seconded to approve the façade grant to Lucky Endz. Motion carried unanimously.

### Combining the Façade Grant Committee to the Planning Commission

City Planner Clint Spencer stated the Façade Grant Review Committee meets on an ad hoc basis to review applications. In order to comply with state law public meeting laws, the Façade Grant Review Committee is proposing to dissolve the Committee and assigning their duties to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has the technical knowledge and is well-versed in urban design as to make informed recommendations regarding grant awards. The Planning Commission is also very excited to take on this responsibility.

After some discussion, Councilor Primmer moved and Councilor Smith seconded to approve the disbanding of the Façade Grant Review Committee and assign those duties to the Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no other business and Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the Urban Renewal Agency Meeting at 8:42pm.

#### Convene and Recess

Mayor Drotzmann convened and recessed the regular meeting at 8:42 pm and announced that an executive session will convene in accordance to ORS 192.660 (2) (d) which allows the Council to meet in Executive Session to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the Council to carry labor negotiations.

Representative of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience are excluded. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No final decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, the Council will return to open session which the audience may attend.

### Reconvened and Adjournment

Mayor Drotzmann reconvened the regular meeting at 9:31pm. There was no other business and Mayor Drotzmann adjourned the meeting at 9:31pm.

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### **ORDINANCE NO. 2246**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HERMISTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP TO CONVERT CERTAIN LANDS FROM URBANIZABLE STATUS TO URBAN STATUS LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN GROWTH BOUNDARY OF THE CITY OF HERMISTON IN ACCORD WITH THE PROVISIONS OF POLICY 6 IN THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

THE CITY OF HERMISTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The following described property shall be changed on the city comprehensive plan map, to-wit:

Parcel 2 Partition Plat Number 2017-10 and the 66 foot right-of-way adjacent to the north property line of said Parcel 2

SUBJECT to any and all water rights of way;

All being East of the Willamette Meridian, Umatilla County, Oregon.

All land in described in this section shall be designated Low Density Residential (L).

**SECTION 2.** The findings of fact as adopted by the City Council on August 14, 2017 are incorporated herein by reference.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> The effective date of this ordinance shall be thirty days after co-adoption by the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners.

PASSED by the City Council this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017. SIGNED by the Mayor this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER

### ORDINANCE NO. 2247

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN LANDS TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY, OUTLINING THE NEW BOUNDARIES, DESCRIBING SAID PROPERTY, WITHDRAWING SAID LANDS FROM SPECIAL DISTRICTS, AND DESIGNATING ZONING.

THE CITY OF HERMISTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The following described property be and the same is annexed to the City of Hermiston, withdrawn from the Umatilla County Library District and the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement District due to annexation, and the City zoning map is expanded to include said property as Duplex Residential (R-2); to-wit:

Parcel 2 Partition Plat Number 2017-10 and the 66 foot right-of-way adjacent to the north property line of said Parcel 2

SUBJECT to any and all water rights of way;

All being East of the Willamette Meridian, Umatilla County, Oregon;

**SECTION 2.** The findings of fact as adopted by the City Council on August 14, 2017 are incorporated herein by reference.

**SECTION 3.** The city recorder shall promptly transmit a record of annexation proceedings to the Secretary of State and notify the County Assessor of the change in boundary.

**SECTION 4.** The effective date of this ordinance shall be the thirtieth day after co-adoption of City of Hermiston Ordinance No. by the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. This annexation shall be complete when all necessary documents have been accepted and filed by the Secretary of State.

PASSED by the Common Council this 14th day of August, 2017. SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of August, 2017.

	MAYOR	
ATTEST:		
CITY RECORDER		



# DRAFT MINUTES UMATILLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Meeting of Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:30 p.m., Umatilla County Justice Center, Media Room Pendleton, Oregon

**COMMISSIONERS** 

**PRESENT:** Randy Randall, Chair, Gary Rhinhart, Vice Chair, Tammie Williams, Clive Kaiser, Don

Wysocki, Cecil Thorne, Suni Danforth

ABSENT:

Don Marlatt, Tami Green

STAFF:

Bob Waldher, Planning Director, Brandon Seitz, Planner, Melinda Slatt, Board of

County Commissioners, Administrative Assistant

NOTE: THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING. A RECORDING IS AVAILABLE AT THE PLANNING DEPT. OFFICE

### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Randall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the opening statement.

# **MINUTES**

Chair Randall asked the Planning Commission to review the minutes from the August 24, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Kaiser moved to adopt the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Danforth. Motion carried by consensus.

### **NEW HEARING**

<u>Plan Map Amendment #P-120-17; Co-adopt City of Hermiston's Ordinance #2246.</u> The City of Hermiston requests the County co-adopt City Ordinance 2246 amending the comprehensive plan map from urbanizable to urban status for 13.10 acres on the south side of W Gettman Road. The City Council also adopted Ordinance 2247 annexing said property effective upon co-adoption of Ordinance 2246.

The criteria of approval are found in Umatilla County Development Code 152.750 - 152.754 and the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) between the City and County.

# **STAFF REPORT**

Brandon Seitz, Planner, stated that the City of Hermiston is requesting to adopt Ordinance 2246 amending the Comprehensive Plan Map from urbanizable to urban status. If approved, the designation of the property will change from urbanizable (Future Residential) to an urban (Low Density Residential) designation. This is necessary for co-adoption by the county because the City of Hermiston's Comprehensive Plan has two overarching designations within the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). Properties designated as urbanizable are managed by the County. The property in question is currently zoned F-1 (Future Residential) which is considered urbanizable. If the property is switched over to an urban type designation, in this case Low Density Residential, it becomes part of the City's jurisdiction. There is a mutual interest in the property, as it is located in the UGB. The City assumes control and the

County is required to co-adopt the ordinance. The applicant, City of Hermiston, took the application in front of the City Planning Commission and City Counsel where they ultimately adopted Ordinance 2246, approving the application. Subsequently, they also adopted Ordinance 2247, which will annex the property inside City Limits and rezone the property to Duplex Residential which is their R-2 Zoning. Additionally, there is a pending Subdivision application to create new lots on the parcel. The Annexation, Re-Zoning and Subdivision are City applications and not for consideration by the Umatilla County Planning Commission. The only action item is to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on the co-adoption of the Plan Map Amendment, changing the Comprehensive Plan Designation from Future Residential to Low Density Residential.

Commissioner Rhinhart asked what the property is being used for at this time. He stated that he believes it is irrigated, high-value farm ground. Mr. Seitz stated that he is not sure if it is irrigated. The map in the packet shows that only the portion north of the canal will be affected. Once the property is inside the City's UGB it is no longer considered agriculture land under the Oregon Statewide Planning Goals. Therefore, Goal 3 does not apply. When making this Comprehensive Plan Map change, it is not necessary to change it from agriculture designation as we would typically see in an application for the County. The property is designated by the Comprehensive Plan as Future Residential and this approval will change it to Low Density Residential.

Commissioner Kaiser asked if the property currently has water rights. Mr. Seitz did not have water right information and referred to the applicant representative for more information. Bob Waldher, Planning Director, advised the water right issue would be handled in the future and reiterated that the Planning Commission's role is to make a recommendation to the BCC for their decision.

# **TESTIMONY**

Applicant Testimony: Frank Gehring, Frank W. Gehring Construction, Inc., 79344 Prindle Loop Road, Hermiston, Oregon. Mr. Gehring stated that he intends to close on the property in the next couple of weeks. He has submitted a subdivision plat map to the City and the preliminary plat has already been approved. The property has been divided into 46 lots. The irrigation water rights will have to be removed from the property as the Hermiston Irrigation District will not allow the water rights to go into the City.

Mr. Gehring stated that he would like to see this application approved because he is trying to help with the housing needs in the City of Hermiston. He recognizes there are a lot of housing needs in Eastern Oregon and there are many benefits to developing this property. There is a new school in close proximity to the project. He acknowledged that, when the City approved annexation there were people living down Gettman Road who came forward with concerns. There was a long discussion and he did not disagree with points made by some of the people.

Commissioner Rhinhart asked if the property would be supplied by City water and sewer, no wells. Mr. Gehring stated that is true. Commissioner Rhinhart asked about the Low Density Residential designation. The tax lot is just over 13 acres and will be subdivided in to 46 lots for residential housing. He commented that that sounds like a lot of houses. Chair Randall asked what the square footage of the newly formed lots will be. Mr. Gehring stated that the smallest lot will be 8,000 square (sq.) feet (ft.)

and the largest lots will be over 14,000 sq. ft. The houses being built on the new lots will sell for \$275,000 to \$325,000. Commissioner Rhinhart asked if he looked at other properties that were not irrigated, high value farm ground. Mr. Gehring said he did but had a hard time finding something in his price range. He believes this location is perfect because of the new school being built nearby to accommodate families. Commissioner Rhinhart stated that he has a hard time supporting projects that result in the loss of farm ground. He believes that Pendleton is very careful with farm ground, while Hermiston tends to use more farm ground, and he has a problem with that.

Commissioner Kaiser stated that he is concerned about losing the water right because there is a lot of arable land in the Hermiston region but water is the limiting factor. This project is 13 acres of land that he does not want to see lost to the basin. Commissioner Rhinhart stated that positioning housing developments directly next to Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) property tends to create conflicts. He is concerned that we are not making any more farm ground, but continue to lose it. Chair Randall stated that the larger map shows that this project makes sense, even though it is on farm ground. Mr. Waldher referenced the zoning map in the packet to show the surrounding zoning designations. The property directly south of tax lot 701 is zoned Rural Residential (RR). This EFU property an island in the UGB, surrounded by residential zoning.

Commissioner Williams stated that she is not concerned about the water right because it can be sold to the highest bidder. The people of Hermiston want water rights and they are hard to come by. Commissioner Kaiser stated that his only request is that the water rights move forward and are used by others. Commissioner Williams stated that the project is in a reasonable location near schools and Hermiston is hurting for housing. She appreciates that it is located on a smaller plot and in the middle of a hub.

Opponent Testimony: Gary Stolz, 150 W Gettman Road, Hermiston, Oregon. Mr. Stolz stated that he has lived on Gettman Road for 38 years and provided a letter signed by several other residents to be submitted into the record. He stated that he has heard many positive things about the developer. Mr. Stolz proceeded to read the letter addressed to the Umatilla County Department of Land Use Planning. He stated that 5 years ago, when the Hermiston School District built the new school on Gettman and Nye Street they were required to pave only 2 blocks of Gettman Road. At that time the City Council placed a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) on the School District's use of the gravel portion of Gettman Road. No school busses would use the road unless picking up or dropping off students on Gettman. At the August 14, 2017 City Council meeting someone on the City Council joked on how to enforce this permit. Since the opening of the new school, traffic on Gettman Road has increased significantly. School busses come and go at will, even though there is only one student living on Gettman Road. Mr. Stolz has tried to get the School District to do something about this, to no avail, and now feels that the City is making jokes about it.

Mr. Stolz stated that the City has annexed 13.1 acres into the City Limits to develop 46 lots for new housing. As part of the approval process, the City requires the developer to pave 500 more feet of Gettman Road. For the past several years Gettman Road residents have noticed traffic increases due to progress. He asked, at what point you acknowledge that a county road is no longer just that, and needs to be considered an important thoroughfare. Dust abatement applications are expensive and useless when school is in session, as it gets beaten off very quickly. Mr. Stolz believes that, allowing this development

to proceed without addressing Gettman Road's conditions is a gross neglect of duty for the City of Hermiston, the School District and Umatilla County. He believes the County has the opportunity to rectify this problem. He asked if they will they take responsibility for this road and properly improve it.

Commissioner Wysocki asked staff if the Planning Commission holds the authority to make a requirement that the road be improved. Commissioner Rhinhart advised, no, it is the Planning Commission's recommendation to the BCC for a decision. Mr. Seitz stated that a portion of road, after the gravel piece, is maintained by the County. The County hopes to transfer the road to the City eventually. More discussion continued about frontage of the subdivision, road paving and curbing, etc. Mr. Seitz advised that the County lacks the ability to make road improvements up to City standards and the County does not have the proper equipment to maintain it. The intent is that Gettman Road will be transferred to the City at some point.

Mr. Seitz reiterated the Planning Commission's action is to make a recommendation to the BCC regarding the co-adoption of the City Ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan Map. The County has no say in the annexation, as it has already taken place. He added that a suggestion has been made to clarify the Joint Management Agreement (JMA) to help determine jurisdiction.

Commissioner Wysocki asked Mr. Stolz if he had presented his concerns to the City of Hermiston. Mr. Stolz stated that he had. He added that Hermiston City Council voted unanimously to make those 46 lots available with no consideration of road improvements. Commissioner Williams felt there will be a larger voice to advocate for road improvements when there are 42 additional residences involved. Mr. Stolz agreed with Commissioner Williams but suggested that if the development occurs they should remove the bridge over Maxwell Canal. He feels that the bridge is unsafe with increased traffic and will need to be replaced. Commissioner Williams advised that if he is concerned about the safety of the bridge he should file complaints and encourage others to do the same because action is complaint driven. Commissioner Danforth stated that the City should be responsible for the road. Chair Randall agreed and stated that it is not financially feasible for the County to pay to pave another mile of road.

Agency Testimony: Mr. Seitz stated that there is an email included in the Planning Commission packets from Tamra Mabbott, written when she was still the Umatilla County Planning Director. She advised that the County had no additional road concerns, as long as the developer is required to obtain Road Access Permits on the County road for the portion where the new driveway will be built. Additionally, she stated that the developer shall obtain an Irrevocable Consent Agreement for that portion of the property. This means they would be responsible for improvements, even if this planned development was never completed.

Applicant Rebuttal: Frank Gehring, Frank W. Gehring Construction, Inc., 79344 Prindle Loop Road, Hermiston, Oregon. Mr. Gehring stated that there was a discussion at the City Council meeting about the cost of paving the road. It was thought to be \$2 million for just part of the road and the Union Pacific Railroad wanted \$1 million. The City Engineer said he believed Gettman road would be paved all the way through in the next 5 years. They seem to understand it is a priority.

Commissioner Wysocki asked if there is a plan for common use areas. Gehring advised that, in talking to a Hermiston Parks & Recreation representative, they didn't feel it should be pursued since school grounds are in such close proximity.

Chair Randall closed the hearing for deliberation.

### **DELIBERATION**

Chair Randall stated that this is a tough issue. Being in the real estate industry, he knows how desperately Hermiston needs more houses. On the other hand, he lives in the county and understands that those who live outside the city do not welcome the extra traffic that comes with new development. Chair Randall added that the Board of County Commissioners carefully reviews minutes and recommendations and has the ultimate authority in final decision making.

Commissioner Danforth stated that she sympathizes with Mr. Stolz and the neighbors who have to deal with the additional traffic on the dirt road. Unfortunately, the Planning Commission's task is to make a recommendation on co-adoption and they do not have an additional jurisdiction.

Commissioner Wysocki stated that he would like to send a strong message to the City of Hermiston that they are irresponsible for not doing more with this road. He is willing to vote to recommend approval of co-adopting the ordinance, but believes the City needs to understand that the Umatilla County Planning Commission feels the road issue needs to be addressed. Commissioner Danforth and Commissioner Kaiser agreed. Mr. Waldher stated that we can certainly relay to them the Planning Commission's thoughts on the issue. Another suggestion was to provide this input when we review the JMA because it must be co-adopted by the County and the City. Commissioner Rhinhart stated that another way to show how strongly one feels is to vote no on the recommendation tonight.

Commissioner Danforth made a motion to approve Plan Amendment #P-120-17 to Co-Adoption the City of Hermiston's Ordinance 2246. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion passed with a vote of 6:1.

Chair Randall, Commissioner Danforth, Mr. Seitz and Mr. Waldher urged Mr. Stolz and others with concerns to attend the BCC Meeting on this matter scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 9:00 AM in Room 114 of the Umatilla County Courthouse 216 SE Fourth Street, Pendleton.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Seitz announced that he has accepted the Planner position with the City of Umatilla. His first day will be October 2, 2017. The Planning Commissioners congratulated him and wished him the best of luck, but also agreed that he will be missed.

Mr. Waldher stated that Planning Commission position terms need to be addressed. Commissioner Marlatt does not wish to renew his appointment, but will stay until a replacement is found. Staff is currently recruiting for a position to fill from the east part of the county. Chair Randall is also looking to be replaced. A new Chair will likely be elected at the October hearing. Mr. Waldher is asking for

recommendations. Regarding Commissioner appointments, he advised the County Commissioners have revisited policies and are stressing that volunteers should stick to their four-year terms.

Next meeting of the Commission is moved up one week to Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to be held at the Justice Center, 4700 NW Pioneer Place, Pendleton. All Planning Commission meetings for the rest of the year (November & December) are moved up one week to the third Thursday due to holidays.

Upcoming Meetings: Thursday, October 19, 2017, 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 16, 2017, 6:30 PM
Thursday, December 14, 2017, 6:30 PM

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Randall adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.	
Respectfully submitted,	
Tierney Dutcher	
Administrative Assistant	
(Minutes adopted by the Planning Commission on	)

September 22, 2017

To:

Umatilla County Department of Land Use Planning

From:

Gary Stolz

Subject:

Plan Map Amendment #P-120-17, co-adopt City of Hermiston Ordinance 2246

Five years ago when the Hermiston school district built the new Armand Larive school on Gettman and 9<sup>th</sup> street they were required to pave only two blocks of Gettman Road. The school district was given a pass on paving the remainder of Gettman Road. At that time the city council placed a conditional use permit on the school districts usage of the gravel portion of Gettman Road. No school buses would use the road unless picking up/dropping off students on Gettman. (At a city council meeting I attended on August 14, someone on the city council joked about how to enforce this permit.)

Since the opening of that new school the traffic on Gettman road has increased significantly. School buses come and go at will even though there is only one student living on Gettman Road. I have tried to get the school superintendent to do something about this to no avail, and now the city makes jokes about it.

The school district started an excellent program when they added 13 building lots between Arman Larive and Gettman road. Students build the new homes. They learn building skills while being supervised by journey level craftsmen. These 13 new homes to come will increase traffic on the gravel portion of Gettman Road.

Now the city has annexed 13.1 acres into the city limits to develop 46 lots for new housing. This property is zoned so duplex's can be built on the lots. There is a potential for 92 new residences along side Gettman Road. The developer has assured everyone that he will be building nicer homes, not duplexes. If, however, unforeseen problems hit the developer, he could sell the property to someone who could build duplexes. The city does require the developer to pave 500 more feet of Gettman Road.

A city employee in the Hermiston planning department stated that Gettman Road might see twelve more cars a day traveling on it. I'm certain that number was gathered from thin air, and was self-serving.

Over the past several years Gettman Road residents have noticed traffic increase due to progress such as the railroad improvements and the addition of the Walmart Distribution Center. Some of these employees use Gettman Road to get to and from work. From the west end of the road it is a direct route to Highway 395, the high school, Safeway and other businesses in that area. Also, more than just vehicles use the road: heavy farm equipment and large trucks often travel on it to get from one agri-industrial area to another. The dust, therefore, on the road can be choking at times, and the potholes and washboarding excruciating, reducing liveability for residents of Gettman Road.

At what point do you acknowledge a country road is no longer just that, and needs to be considered an important thoroughfare? Dust abatement applications are expensive and useless

when school is in session, as it gets beaten off very quickly. The county does grade the road, but three days later the wash-boards are back.

Allowing this 13.1 acre development to proceed without addressing Gettman Road conditions is a gross neglect of duty by the City of Hermiston, Hermiston School District, and Umatilla County; but the county now has the opportunity to rectify the problem. Will the Gettman Road residents continue to choke on more dust and ridiculous road conditions, or will the County take responsibility for this road and properly improve it.

Thank you,

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