

RESOLUTION NO. 701

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THAT THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE BOARD DESIGNATE A 465-ACRE AREA OF EXISTING COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY ZONES ALONG MILDRED STREET, BETWEEN 19TH AND 27TH STREETS, ALONG 27TH STREET BETWEEN MILDRED STREET AND GRANDVIEW DRIVE AND ALONG BRIDGEPORT WAY WEST BETWEEN OLYMPUS DRIVE WEST AND THE 5200 BLOCK OF BRIDGEPORT WAY WEST AS THE UNIVERSITY PLACE REGIONAL GROWTH CENTER AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL AND EXECUTE ALL OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR SUCH PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Regional Council was created in 1992 by interlocal agreement among the cities and towns of Pierce County and Pierce County, and charged with responsibilities, including: serving as a local link to the Puget Sound Regional Council, promoting intergovernmental cooperation, facilitating compliance with the coordination and consistency requirements of the Growth Management Act (Chapter 36.70A RCW) and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (Chapter 47.80 RCW), and developing a consensus among jurisdictions regarding the development and modification of the Countywide Planning Policies; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County County-Wide Planning Policies (CPPs) are written policy statements which are to be used solely for establishing a countywide framework from which the County and municipal comprehensive plans are developed and adopted; and

WHEREAS, the framework is intended to ensure that the County and municipal comprehensive plans are consistent as required by the Growth Management Act; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 1992, the Pierce County Council adopted the initial CPPs; and

WHEREAS, six Regional Growth Centers were identified in the initial CPPs; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council adopted VISION 2040 the Regional Growth Strategy in April 2008 that aims to distribute future population and employment growth into urban areas and within urban areas into designated Regional Growth Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County CPPs were amended in October 2009 to include a process to designate new Candidate Regional Centers; and

WHEREAS, in anticipation of a process for center designation on August 3, 2009, the City Council adopted Resolution 619 appointing nine citizens to the Regional Growth Center Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee to formulate recommendations regarding a Regional Growth Center designation; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Growth Center Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee conducted five public meetings between August and November 2009 before making a recommendation to the City's Planning Commission to designate a 465-acre area as a Regional Growth Center and to amend the Comprehensive Plan to add a goal and two policies to support the Regional Growth Center's implementation; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2009 the City published notice in the Tacoma News Tribune announcing a public hearing before the City's Planning Commission regarding amendments to the Comprehensive Plan to designate a Regional Growth Center; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2010 the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the Regional Growth Center Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee's recommendation, and after duly considering the matter, unanimously recommended the Ad-Hoc Committee's recommendation to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2010; March 15, 2010; and April 19, 2010 the City Council held study sessions to review the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments to designate a Regional Growth Center; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2010 the City Council held a public open house to solicit public comment regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2010 the City Council adopted amendments to the Comprehensive Plan establishing a Regional Growth Center Area and policies for its development including directing the City to seek designation as a Regional Growth Center; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the process to designate new Candidate Regional Growth Centers, the City of University Place submitted an application for candidate regional growth center designation in June 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Growth Management Coordinating Committee (GMCC) reviewed and recommended approval of the University Place Candidate Regional Growth Center to the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC); and

WHEREAS, the Pierce County Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) reviewed and recommended approval of the University Place Candidate Regional Growth Center to the Pierce County Regional Council (PCRC); and

WHEREAS, the PCRC, based upon the recommendations of the GMCC, TCC and its own discussions, recommended approval of the proposed University Place Candidate Regional Growth Center on March 17, 2011; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2011 the Pierce County Council adopted Ordinance No 2011-35s acknowledging its approval of the proposed Countywide Planning Policy amendments to designate the University Place Candidate Regional Growth Center and authorized the County Executive to execute interlocal agreements with the cities and towns of Pierce County in order to ratify the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies must be adopted through amendment of the original interlocal agreement ratified by sixty percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County representing seventy-five percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Agreement entitled Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies was developed for this purpose, and includes the recommended amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal entitled Amendments to the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies has been ratified by sixty percent of the jurisdictions in Pierce County representing seventy-five percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of University Place finds that, having completed the necessary steps for designation of a candidate regional growth center, it is in the public interest to request that the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board designate the University Place Regional Growth Center and authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the Puget Sound Regional Council and to execute all other necessary documentation for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. University Place Regional Growth Center: The City of University Place does hereby request that the Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board designate a 465-acre area of existing commercial and multi-family zones along Mildred Street, between 19th and 27th streets, along 27th Street between Mildred Street and Grandview Drive and along Bridgeport Way between Olympus Drive West and the 5200 block of Bridgeport Way West as the University Place Regional Growth Center.

Section 2. Authorization: The City Manager is hereby authorized to submit an application to the Puget Sound Regional Council for designation of the University place Regional Growth Center and to execute all other necessary documentation in accordance with the appropriate procedures.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon signing.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2012.



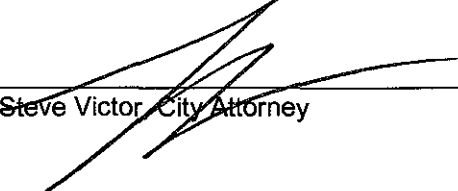
Ken Grassi, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pamela Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Steve Victor, City Attorney