

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE PLANNING COMMISSION, RECOMMENDING CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED UNIVERSITY PLACE 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PERIODIC UPDATE AND AMENDMENTS TO UPMC TITLE 16 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH WASHINGTON STATE GROWTH MANAGEMENT ACT PERIODIC UPDATE REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City Council established and appointed the Planning Commission to advise the City Council on the following topics: growth management; general land use and transportation planning; long range capital improvement plans; and other matters as directed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission is charged with holding hearings on and developing a comprehensive plan for the City and making recommendations to the City Council on amendments to the comprehensive plan, the zoning code and map, and other development regulations of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is required to periodically review and update its comprehensive plan, as needed, to ensure consistency with the Growth Management Act, Puget Sound Regional Council's VISION 2050, and the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 1001 on January 17, 2023 adopting the Annual Planning Commission Work Plan for 2023, and Resolution 1026 on December 4, 2023 adopting the Annual Planning Commission Work Plan for 2024, which directed the Planning Commission to assist with the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held 15 study sessions throughout 2023 and 2024 on the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update; and

WHEREAS, staff presented the full draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update to the Planning Commission on May 1, 2023, and June 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 26, 2024 to consider written and oral public comments on the proposed draft 2024 Comprehensive Plan Period Update; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has considered the approval criteria listed in UPMC 16.10.090 and adopted the following findings in support of the proposed update and amendments:

1. The proposed update and amendments to the goals, policies and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan will more carefully manage change in the community in a manner consistent with community aspirations and state, regional and county policy directives;

2. The proposed update and amendments will support an increase in the capacity of the City and its service providers to provide adequate services to the community consistent with the need to accommodate increasing population, housing and employment associated with development of the City's Regional Growth Center and other growth;

3. There is no proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan map;

4. The proposed update and amendments reflect, and responds to, changes that have occurred in University Place and the surrounding area since adoption of the 2015 Comprehensive Plan in a manner that is compatible with, and will not be inconsistent with, plans for adjacent jurisdictions. More specifically, the proposed update is intended to ensure that community character, land use, housing, transportation, environmental management, utilities, capital facilities, and park, recreation and open space elements and plans reflect these and other changing conditions in the community;

5. The proposed update and amendments respond to the Growth Management Act Periodic Update requirements, therefore a determination of sufficient change or lack of change in conditions or circumstances since the adoption of the latest amendment to the Comprehensive Plan was not necessary to dictate the need for the proposed update;

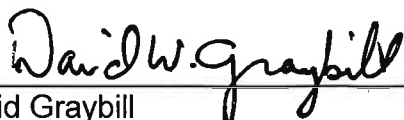
6. The proposed update and amendments will ensure consistency between the Comprehensive Plan and the Growth Management Act Chapter 36.70A RCW, the Puget Sound Regional Council VISION 2050 Growth Strategy, the Pierce County Countywide Planning Policies, and change in State legislation; and

7. The proposed update and amendments address future projections, are consistent with University Place citizens' vision for the future and will advance the public interest.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend the attached update and amendments to the City Council for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE, WASHINGTON, that it recommends to the City Council approval of the proposed University Place 2024 Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update and amendments to UPMC Title 16 Comprehensive Plan, provided as Exhibits A and B to this Resolution.

**PASSED BY THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE PLANNING COMMISSION
ON THE 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2024.**



David Graybill
City of University Place Planning Commission