

MONROE PLANNING COMMISSION
Agenda Item Cover Sheet

TITLE:	<i>Discussion of 2016 Planning Commission Work Program</i>
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DATE:		CONTACT:	PRESENTER:	ITEM:
01/11/2016		David Osaki	Dave Osaki	New Business

Discussion 12/14/2015

Public Hearing: None

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2012/20
2. April 20, 2016 Training Opportunity Notice - Everett,

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

At its December 14, 2015 meeting the Planning Commission briefly discussed items to be addressed during the course of 2016. At the January 11, 2016 meeting staff will be presenting these items in more detail.

Among the 2016 Work Program items to be discussed are summarized as follows:

TOPIC	SUMMARY
General Code Amendments	This includes general code amendment updates to various municipal code sections/chapters to achieve greater code clarity and/or bring regulations more consistent with best practices. Other code amendments will support Comprehensive Plan direction. By way of example, included amongst these is Monroe Municipal Code Chapter 18.80 entitled "Signs. Updated sign regulations were passed in 2014. As is often the case with new regulations, implementation has identified certain areas that could be clarified and improved.
Zoning Map Amendments	The Comprehensive Plan establishes certain new plan map designations and/or applies certain plan designations to new areas. The zoning map will be amended to reflect this.
Permit Process Improvement Code Amendments	These amendments would bring greater clarity to the City's permit processes, seeking best practices to facilitate the permit process for both customers and staff. Input from permit stakeholders will be sought as part of this process.
Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process	The City's Comprehensive Plan amendment process is provided for in City of Monroe Resolution No. 2012/20 (See Attachment 1). The process will begin in May with the City issuing public notice soliciting public requests for plan amendments.

<p>Low Impact Development standards</p>	<p>New National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) provisions require municipalities to integrate Low Impact Development (LID) techniques into plans and/or codes. LID is a stormwater and land use management strategy that strives to mimic pre-disturbance hydrologic processes by emphasizing conservation, use of on-site natural features, and site planning into a project design. Common LID techniques include: bioretention, rain gardens, permeable pavements,, vegetated roofs, and rainwater harvesting.</p> <p>City codes need to be reviewed and, if necessary, amended to implement his requirement.</p>
<p>Training</p>	<p>Opportunities for training will sought throughout the year.</p> <p>See April 20, 2016 training opportunity in Everett (Attachment 2.)</p>

<p>RECOMMENDED ACTION Discussion.</p>
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