

**WESTFIR CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, September 11, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**  
**In person at City Hall and via audio/video teleconference**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Planning Commission Chair D'Lynn Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Commissioners Kelly Packard, Katherine Bishop and Deretta Huey were present in person, as was City Recorder Nicole Tritten. Commissioner Edward Johnstone was present via audio. Blair Banker of Trans Cascadia Excursions and attorney Gary Darnielle of Lane Council of Governments were present via video.

**MODIFICATION SUBMISSION EXTENSION FOR TRANS CASCADIA EXCURSIONS:**

The Council voted on a short extension beyond the original six-month extension to submit modifications to the project. The six-month extension deadline was September 28. An extension was discussed at the August 21 Planning Commission hearing for the North Fork Gateway (NFG) development because a continued hearing was scheduled on September 28 for NFG in conflict with the TCE deadline.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to hold a Planning Commission hearing on October 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to consider the TCE project modification submission, with document submission due by October 9. Commissioner Johnstone seconded, and the motion failed, 3–2.

**AYES:** Williams, Johnstone    **NAYS:** Packard, Bishop, Huey    **ABSTENTIONS:** 0

Blair Banker stated that Commissioners Bishop and Huey should recuse themselves because they had been vocal opponents of the development prior to being on the Planning Commission. Gary Darnielle stated that recusal would be usual in this situation, but that he could not give legal advice. Commissioner Huey asked for a legal opinion on recusal from the City's legal counsel. The Commission authorized Mr. Darnielle to speak to the City's attorney on behalf of the City because the City Recorder would be absent for the next week. Mr. Darnielle stated that Nicole should contact the City's attorney first, and she agreed to do so.

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Commissioner Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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D'Lynn Williams, Mayor

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ATTEST:  
Nicole Tritten, City Recorder

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