

# **GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2009**

**Puget Sound Regional Council Board Room**

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

Members Present: Councilmember Kimberly Allen, Councilmember Layne Barnes, Councilmember Terri Briere, Councilmember Sally Clark, Councilmember Richard Conlin, Councilmember Jamie Danielson, Councilmember Grant Degginger, Councilmember Eric Faison, Councilmember Jean Godden, Councilmember Larry Gossett, Councilmember Jane Hague, Councilmember Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember Larry Phillips, Councilmember Robert Sternoff, Executive Kurt Triplett, Chair.

Chair Triplett convened the meeting at 4:05 PM.

The minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **I. Public Comment:**

Cindy baker, City of Auburn, read a statement on behalf of Auburn Mayor Lewis. The Mayor thanked GMPC for its discussion of services needed to support the growth targets. It was also stated that a deadline for targets is needed so cities can update their comprehensive plans by December, 2011.

The summary of the June 15, 2009 minutes were approved unanimously.

### **II. Resources to Serve Growth and Density**

Executive Triplett stated that there are two motions under consideration: The first related to resources to serve growth and density; the second would approve new growth targets. Executive Triplett asked that the first motion be referred to the staff work group to be voted on in 2010. Both the resources issue and the growth targets would then be brought back to GMPC at an additional meeting in 2009.

Councilmember Garber asked what would come back to GMPC in 2009.

Executive Triplett stated that a work program would be brought back with a date certain for GMPC action in 2010.

Councilmember Conlin explained the motivation and thinking behind the Seattle proposal to better realign allocation of financial resources with GMA goals. Seattle believes their proposal will prioritize services to jurisdictions that have accepted higher

growth targets. Addressing this issue will make it easier to move forward with the growth targets.

Councilmember Garber would not want to see a policy masquerading as a work plan. She asked what the level of detail would be for this work plan.

Councilmember Conlin responded that they are looking for a level of detail that assures them that the issue is being considered, not the wording of a new policy.

Councilmember Garber requested a 15 minute recess for caucus.

The meeting resumed at 4:35 p.m.

Councilmember Garber stated the approach outlined earlier in the meeting is ok, provided the staff from all of the caucuses participate, and the work plan takes into consideration the needs of all cities. The SCA requests the next GMPC meeting be held in late October, 2009, and the targets be considered for adoption at this next GMPC meeting.

Councilmember Conlin responded that October is an ambitious goal and we should do our best to meet that goal. To meet this goal, we need some extensive staff work to develop a work plan.

Councilmember Faison asked that local resources be looked at, such as assessed value per capita, sales and utility tax per capita – the total resources available, not just regional resources.

Executive Triplett asked how ready GMPC is to engage in regional services in 2010.

Councilmember Garber stated there could be changes in GMPC membership in 2010, that is why she favors adopting the targets in 2009.

Councilmember Phillips asked are we going to take up the financing side of services when we update the CPP's in 2010?

Executive Triplett asked staff to respond. Paul Reitenbach of King County stated that the proposal is to adopt targets in 2009 and update the rest of the CPP's in 2010. Staff are not proposing to reopen regional finance and governance negotiations in this context, but that is up to the elected members to decide.

Executive Triplett asked staff to assess what it would take to address finances, and report back at the next meeting.

Councilmember Phillips stated he does not believe discussion of planning policies without discussion of finances takes you very far.

Executive Triplett stated that the issue before GMPC is to provide direction to staff to develop a work program to address the issue raised by Seattle.

Councilmember Garber pointed out that all cities are concerned about these issues and have an interest in this work plan. Executive Triplett agreed.

Executive Triplett called for another GMPC meeting in October 2009 to address the work plan to develop new policies to address the issue of services to support growth. He also stated his support for a vote on the growth targets at that meeting.

Councilmember Clark clarified that staff should also address what it would take to address this issue in the context of the finance policies. Executive Triplett agreed.

**III. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.**