

City of Oregon Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission met Tuesday January 20th, 2026, at 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Roger Cain, Randy Cropp, Jeff Hallock, Mark Herman, Rick Ryland, and Karly Spell.

Also, Present: City Manager Darin DeHaan, City Clerk Cheryl Hilton, and Mayor Ken Williams.

Mark Herman opened the Public Hearing regarding a Special Use Permit Request for a Short-Term Rental located at 305 N. Mix Street parcel #16-04-279-008 submitted by Tyler Hagemann at 5:32 pm.

Discussion: Public notices were mailed to neighbors and published in the Oregon Republican Reporter. The Short-Term rental is a two bed, two bath home.

Randy Cropp moved to close the public hearing at 5:34 pm., Seconded by Karly Spell.

Motion carried. No Nays.

No public comment.

Jeff Hallock moved to approve December 16th, 2025, minutes, Seconded by Mark Herman.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Roger Cain moved to approve the Special Use Permit for a Short-Term Rental located at 305 N. Mix Street parcel #16-04-279-008 submitted by Tyler Hagemann, Seconded by Rick Ryland.

Discussion: The City Council will discuss the approval recommendation from Planning at the next City Council meeting on Tuesday January 27th, 2026.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Other business: City Manager Darin DeHaan said the City Council will be reviewing city code regarding gaming machines. He said there are no regulations currently on electronic sweepstakes machines. He also has a meeting scheduled to discuss the final plans for Taft Tavern. The owner has stated he would like the location to have décor based on Taft history and be an upscale restaurant with a bar and gaming. Appropriate parking is also a concern for the owner.

Mayor Ken Williams and City Manager Darin DeHaan met with representatives from Kunes. There has been some interest in the location, however no confirmed offers. The OCEDC is working on marketing for the location. Liz Hiemstra, with the OCEDC, is also working on a redevelopment opportunity for the car wash located on the east side.

City Manager Darin DeHaan also stated he continues to work with home builders. He said the builders he has spoken with do not feel like there is a market here for new homes. The city continues to try to entice new home builders with waiving impact fees and water/sewer hookup fees.

Mayor Ken Williams said the home on Rt 64 that submitted a request for a zoning change has been sold as a single-family. The City Council tabled the motion permanently at the last City

Council meeting. He said there will be more of these considerations as the homes that were converted into multi-family homes did not go through the appropriate procedures. He said there are items to consider when discussing changing zoning from single-family to multi-family. Examples are egress, post office addresses, and separate utility meters for gas, electricity, water/sewer, and garbage.

Jeff Hallock moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 pm, Seconded by Randy Cropp.

Motion carried. No Nays.

Submitted by Cheryl Hilton, City Clerk