

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE OWOSSO PLANNING COMMISSION  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
July 23, 2012 – 7:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman William Wascher.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll Call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman William Wascher; Secretary Melvin Renfrow; Commissioners David Bandkau, Tom Kurtz, Brent Smith, Thomas Taylor.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice-Chairman Frank Livingston, Commissioners Cindy Popovitch, Stephen Schlaack.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KURTZ, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR JULY 23, 2012 WITH THE ADDITION OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS.  
YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KURTZ, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2012.  
YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Staff memorandum
2. PC minutes from June 11, 2012
3. Master plan draft

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KURTZ, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO NOMINATE CHAIRMAN WASCHER TO THE CHAIRMANSHIP, AND COMMISSIONER RENFROW TO THE SECRETARY POSITION AGAIN. THEY WOULD LIKE TO POSTPONE ELECTING LIVINGSTON TO VICE-CHAIR AS HE IS ABSENT TODAY.  
YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMISSIONER / PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Taylor is not familiar with the term "rain tax". Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, stated the idea came from Gary Burk, Director of Utilities for the City of Owosso. This involves sump drains, roof drains, etc. When it rains, some of this water goes into the sanitary sewers causing an overload instead of to the storm sewer lines where it should go. Mr. Burk recommended Council consider such a "tax" (or special assessment) to the property owners for such situations. Thus the term "rain tax".

**PUBLIC HEARING:** NONE

**SITE PLAN REVIEW:** NONE

**BUSINESS ITEMS:** NONE

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:**

1. Master Plan

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KURTZ, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER TAYLOR TO SUBMIT THE MASTER PLAN TO OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL.**

Discussion of revisions, corrections, clarification were noted by Mr. Zettel. He stated the plan will be used for a shared vision; something to guide future decisions. The council should approve it for distribution for 63 days, in

which local governments and citizens may review the plan. Comments will be considered and then the council may approve it at that time.

**YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMISSIONER / PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Bandkau asked when the commission is going to work on zoning. Mr. Zettel said it would cost about \$25,000 to work on that as we may need a professional to help. That will be after the master plan is finally adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KURTZ, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH TO ADJOURN AT 7:59 P.M. UNTIL AUGUST 27, 2012.**

**YEAS ALL. MOTION CARRIED.**

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Melvin Renfrow, Secretary