CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Adam Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM in the Council Chambers, at 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, Washington.

ROLL CALL:
Chair Adam Cooper and Commissioners Bryan Cairns, Jon Friedman, Steve Marshall, Craig Olson and Kristen White Orndorff were present. Vice Chair Eric Laschever was excused. Council Liaison El Jahncke was absent. City staff was represented by Shane Moloney, Assistant City Attorney; Tim Stewart, Development Services Director; Patrick Yamashita, City Engineer; George Steirer, Principal Planner; and Shana Crick, Planner.

APPEARANCES:
None

MINUTES:
Commissioner Cairns motioned to approve the minutes from June 16, 2010. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the minutes as written.

REGULAR BUSINESS:
Agenda Item #1: Open Record Hearing for Zoning Text Amendments (file# ZTR10-003) for a proposed amendments to Title 19 of the Mercer Island City Code (MICC) related to code housekeeping, as well as clarifications regarding placement of building pads on final plats, the moving of buildings, and the determination of lot depth and width.

Shana Crick, Planner, provided a staff presentation and responded to questions from the Planning Commission.

Chair Cooper opened the hearing for public testimony. No public testimony was given, so Chair Cooper closed the hearing.

The Planning Commission deliberated the four proposed ordinances.

Ordinance 10C-06: Commissioner Cairns moved to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed amendments to MICC Title 19 to conduct code housekeeping to rectify inconsistencies and clarify certain provisions of the city of Mercer Island Uniform Land Development Code, as presented in Exhibit 2 and to authorize the Chair of the Planning Commission to sign the recommendation to the City Council on behalf of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olson. The motion passed with six 'yeas' and no 'nays'.

Ordinance 10C-07: Commissioner Marshall moved to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed amendments to MICC Title 19 relating to building pads and final plat
requirements, as presented in Exhibit 3, and to authorize the Chair of the Planning Commission to sign the recommendation to the City Council on behalf of the Planning Commission, provided that Exhibit 3 shall be modified as follows:

Section 4. Amendments to MICC 19.09.090, Building Pad. MICC 19.09.090 “Building Pad” is hereby amended as follows:

19.09.090(A) Designation.

…

4. Approved building pads and critical areas shall be identified on the final recorded documents.

5. On lots with a designated building pad area, building construction is limited to the designated building pad area.

…

Commissioner Cairns seconded the motion. The motion passed with six ‘yeas’ and no ‘nays’.

Ordinance 10C-08: Commissioner Marshall moved to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed amendments to Section 19.09.080 of the Mercer Island City Code to modify regulations governing the moving of buildings within the City, as presented in Exhibit 4 and to authorize the Chair of the Planning Commission to sign the recommendation to the City Council on behalf of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olson. The motion passed with six ‘yeas’ and no ‘nays’.

Ordinance 10C-09: Commissioner Cairns moved to recommend that the City Council approve the proposed amendments to Section 19.16.010 of the Mercer Island City Code to add definitions of “lot width” and “lot depth” and to establish standards to differentiate between “lot width” and “lot depth”, as presented in Exhibit 5 and to authorize the Chair of the Planning Commission to sign the recommendation to the City Council on behalf of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Friedman. The motion passed with five ‘yeas’ and one ‘nay’.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:
None

STAFF COMMENTS:
Development Services Director Tim Stewart introduced himself to the Planning Commission.

PLANNED ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:
None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:
Chair Adam Cooper noted that the Mercer Island Reporter had erroneously stated that the Planning Commission would discuss the proposed Shoreline Master Program at the October 6, 2010 meeting. Staff had posted signs prior to the start of the October 6, 2010 meeting to clarify the agenda for the evening.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:
The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2010.
ADJOURNMENT:
The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Shana Crick, Planner