



**Minutes for Gig Harbor Planning Commission  
Public Hearing  
Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.  
Council Chambers**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Burcar called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Commissioners Anderson, Cornell, Henderson, Zhou and Wozniak were present.

Staff: Community Development Director, Eric Baker and Planning Technician, Michelle Thomas

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion:** Move to approve minutes from March 19, 2026 (Wozniak/Cornell)

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

None

**Agenda Items**

**Critical Areas Code Update** – Proposal to adopt amendments to the city's Critical Areas Ordinance - Community Development Director, Eric Baker discussed proposed changes.

**Public Comment** No public comment was made

**Motion:** Close public comment (Zhou/Wozniak)

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Recommendation**

**Motion:** to make a recommendation to review the proposed changes to the critical area code updates. (Anderson/Zohn)

**Amendment:** Recommend keeping Type 2/F and Type 3/F stream buffers consistent with county with a buffer of 175 feet not the proposed 200 feet (Cornel/Anderson)

**Vote:** 4 in favor 1 opposed

**Amendment:** Motion that, that we, the city, align our definition of fish and wildlife habitat and conservation areas consistent with commerce and the WAC. (Wozniak/Anderson)

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Amendment:** Motion to continue the Hearing to the next scheduled

meeting day of May 21 at 5:30 PM for the Commission to make their recommendation to Council and keep the written comment period open until 4:30 Monday, May 18 for comments on the Commissions proposed amendments. (Wozniak/Anderson)

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Other Business**

Next meeting Thursday, May 21, 2026 to make recommendation to Council regarding the proposed Critical Area Code Update

**Adjournment** 7:00 p.m.

*Michelle Thomas*

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Planning Technician