

RESOLUTION NO. 699

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING THE INTENT TO ADOPT AN UPDATE OF THE SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THIS PROPOSED SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY.

WHEREAS, the State of Washington under the Shoreline Management Act (Chapter 90.58 RCW) has mandated that the City of Ruston update the Ruston Shoreline Master Program; and

WHEREAS, the requirements of the Shoreline Management Act (RCW 90.58.090) mandate that the City's proposed Shoreline Master Program must be approved by the State Department of Ecology (DOE) prior to taking effect; and

WHEREAS, before approval, the Director of DOE must formally conclude that the proposed Shoreline Master Program, when implemented over its planning horizon (typically 20 years), will result in "no net loss of ecological functions necessary to sustain shoreline natural functions"; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission has been studying and working on the Shoreline Master Program Update since 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held three public meetings, including one public hearing, as follows: Work Study Sessions: August 1, 2018 and December 5, 2018, PC Public Hearing Date: January 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Ruston Planning Commission and Ruston Staff have conducted a careful review of the most current, accurate and complete scientific information available regarding the

shorelines within the jurisdiction of Ruston, and concluded that the proposed Shoreline Master Program, when implemented over the next 20 years, will result in no net loss of ecological functions; and

WHEREAS, the SEPA Responsible Official has issued a Determination of Nonsignificance on January 7, 2019 which has not been appealed; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 36.70A.106, this amending ordinance was sent on to the State Department of Commerce with a request for expedited review comment; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Commerce acknowledged receipt of the ordinance and granted expedited review on January 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the required number of days have passed since the ordinance was sent to the Department of Commerce and no comments were returned; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ruston sent the draft Shoreline Master Program to the Department of Ecology to obtain comments of the updated Plan prior to the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, shortly after submission of the Ruston Shoreline Master Program to the Department of Ecology, on December 12, 2018, the Department provided the City of Ruston with required modifications to the City's Shoreline Master Program; and

WHEREAS, the City made the modifications in accordance with the Department of Ecology's input; and

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2019 the Planning Commission considered the Department of Ecology's required modifications and held a public hearing on this issue with the revisions included in the public hearing draft; and

WHEREAS, following the hearing and deliberations on the required modifications, the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the same; and

WHEREAS, the updated draft was transmitted to the Department of Ecology following the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, shortly after submission of the Ruston Shoreline Master Program to the Department of Ecology, on March 13, 2019, the Department provided the City of Ruston with one additional required modification to the City's Shoreline Master Program which was limited to the removal of a single duplicative reference; and

WHEREAS, the City has made that minor change in the version that is in front of the City Council for approval and direction to send to DOE for formal review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the updated Shoreline Master Program is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Ruston City Council agrees with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the updated Shoreline Master Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSTON, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Statement of Intent to Adopt the Ruston Shoreline Master Program

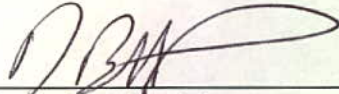
Update. The Ruston City Council hereby declares that it intends to adopt Exhibit "A" as Ruston's Shoreline Master Program upon approval from the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Section 2. Direction to Transmit to Ecology. The Ruston City Planning Director is hereby authorized and directed to submit the Ruston Shoreline Master Program Update (including this Resolution and all other required submittal documents) to the Washington State Department of Ecology for final review and approval.

Section 3. Direction to City Clerk. Upon receipt of approval for the Ruston Shoreline Master Program Update from DOE, the City Clerk is hereby directed to place the Ruston Shoreline Master Program onto the Council Agenda for formal adoption by Ordinance.

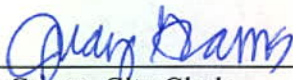
RESOLVED this 19th day of March, 2019.

APPROVED:



Bruce Hopkins, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Judy Grams, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: _____
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: _____
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