



CITY OF NAPA VINE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP
Monday – April 15, 2024 – 6:00 PM

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WORKSHOP NOTICE

APRIL 15, 2024– 6:00 PM

NAPA VINE CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AGENDA:

- **Discussion of Hearing Examiner**

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Planning Commission Meetings are held in person and via Teleconference.

Teleconference Information

Dial-in number (US): (720) 740-9753

Access code: 8460198

To join the online meeting:

<https://join.freeconferencecall.com/rdenham8>

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Planning Commission Workshop Questions

1. What is the original reason the council felt a Hearing Examiner was a good option for our community?
2. Is the Hearing Examiner a salary employee or paid per job?
3. How many matters has the Hearing Examiner taken care of for the city, and is the completed work for Napavine have any issues or concerns per the customer/developer?
4. Do matters that go across the Hearing Examiner desk still have to be approved and signed by the city attorney?
5. Is it possible to get a clear understanding of what the Planning Commission job/duties are?
6. Is the Planning Commission still allowed to overlook, discuss, and give recommendations on variances and special permits like they did before the Hearing Examiner was brought in?
7. If the Planning Commission is no longer allowed to do this, what has changed from all the years they were allowed to do it? And why did the city council approve our recommendations and the city attorneys allowed it and not say anything until now?
8. Does it not seem better for the citizens and the city to get recommendations from the Planning Commission for the staff report for the Hearing Examiner so he will have more input from more than one individual?
9. If attorneys are present at workshop – Why was The Planning Commission removed as the council designee from the Complete Streets Ordinance when it was understood that the hearing examiner assured city staff that the Planning Commission could create any code they wanted on how the Hearing Examiner needs to rule.
10. How many cities in Washington state the size of Napavine (still under 2500 in population) utilize a Hearing Examiner instead of Planning Commission?