

Consent Items with Commissioner Request to Discuss

<u>Item</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Staff Recommendation, Rationale</u>	<u>Commissioner Questions</u>
Economic Chapter Consent List				
NA	Houck, Rudd	Policy 6.17	Regulatory climate. Change "ensure" to "maintain." Avoid overly rigid interpretation on cumulative regulatory costs.	Commissioner Houck supports 6.17e but would delete the words " <i>promote</i> " and " <i>cost-effective</i> " and "state", "Implement state and federal mandates, city regulations, intergovernmental and bureau coordination, efficient well-coordinated development review and permitting procedures."
				Commissioner Houck is concerned that this will cause the city to sacrifice environmental or other policies to chase economic development opportunities. He would urge that this be reworded or eliminated.
NA	Rudd	Policy 6.23	Traded sector land supply. Foster traded sector retention, growth, and competitive advantages in industrial districts and the Central City	Flagged for discussion
NA	Houck, Rudd	Policy 6.36	Prime industrial land. Retain 6.36 subpolicies. Make 6.50 part of 6.36. Separate policy intent for "non-industrial facilities" and parks into distinct statements. Change "minimize" to "limit" in 6.36.c. In 6.36.d clarify the range of offsets may also include but are not limited to additional brownfield remediation, industrial use intensification, strategic investments, and other innovative tools and partnerships that increase utilization for existing industrial acres. BES/Parks asked for exceptions, deletion of subpolicies. Others asked to strengthen retention. Meet Goal 9. Part of balanced IL/WH package.	Commissioner Houck is concerned that this policy would make it virtually impossible to put in place new environmental regulations and Goal 15 Willamette Greenway policies that would have a negative impact on industrial land supply.
Environmental Chapter Consent List				
2	Tallmadge	Chapter 7 Intro, 5th Bullet on GP7.1	Change: "...opportunities to reduce carbon emissions <u>and for natural resources to sequester carbon.</u> " This revision recognizes that natural resources (vegetation, soil, wetlands) provide an important carbon sequestration function.	Flagged for discussion
3	Houck	Generally, and Chapter 7 Intro	Change section title: Planning for Natural Resources Protection . Change last sentence: "..., and actions <u>plans, regulations, and coordinated acquisition programs</u> to protect air, soil, water, climate, and significant natural resources <u>and watershed health</u> . They also call for consideration of tradeoffs <u>such as impacts on public health and safety, equity, and the economy</u> in developing environmental protection programs <u>plans and regulations</u> .	Concerned that policies promoting use of existing industrial land base before going to greenfields have been removed. Also concerned about removal of the term "protection" from Chapter 7.
			The revised title and narrative language, including references to environmental plans and regulations and specific tradeoff examples, more clearly reflects the nature and intent of this policy section. The addition of acquisition programs clarifies that the City will employ tools in addition to regulations to help protect and maintain natural resources and functions.	
5	Tallmadge	Chapter 7 Intro, 10th Bullet on GP7.1	Add <u>Climate Change Preparation Strategy, and Parks plans</u> . This revision provides a more comprehensive list of plans warranting coordination.	Flagged for discussion. Commissioner noted connection to policies related to communities of color.
6	Houck	Intro on page GP 7-9	Add reference to "carrying capacity" in the narrative, introducing the section "Improving environmental quality and preventing degradation."	Commissioner requests clarification
			Recognizes the concept of carrying capacity (included in Working Draft policy) but relies on the more widely understood term "cumulative impacts" in policy 7.6. See item #8 below.	

Environmental Chapter Consent List

7	Rudd	Policy 7.1	Move section entitled “Improving environmental quality and preventing degradation” up to be the first section. Move policies 7.1, Environmental Quality, 7.2, Climate Action, and 7.3 Biodiversity to the section entitled “Improving environmental quality and preventing degradation.”	Flagged for discussion
8	Rudd, Houck, Tallmadge	Policy 7.6	Consolidate these two policies. Replace references to “environmental protection programs” with “environmental plans and regulations.” Maintain intent to update and improve plans and regulations over time based on considerations listed in both policies. Add reference to “cumulative” impacts. Do not add Goal 5-related language such as reference to ESEE consequences; instead, generalize the language to ensure that the policy applies in the context of complying with land use planning goals 5, 6, 7, and 15, and other goals if applicable. For example, replace “consequences of allowing conflicting uses” with more general consideration of impacts and tradeoffs.	Commissioner Tallmadge noted connection to policies related to communities of color. Commissioner Houck objects to the removal of the term "Protection."
9	Tallmadge, Houck	Policy 7.8	Reword: replace language calling for a prioritized list of land acquisition priorities with language to “maintain a coordinated land acquisition program as a tool to preserve and enhance natural resources, and ecological functions and services.” Eliminate the second part of the policy calling for a process to coordinate land acquisition with other programs. Rely on policy 6.44 Impact analysis, which addresses this issue, 8.7 Internal coordination. Consider revising 8.7 to specifically mention land acquisition.	Commissioner Tallmadge notes need to balance land acquisition against need for housing. Commissioner Houck requests clarification.
10	Rudd, Houck, Tallmadge	Policy 7.10	Reword: “ Maintain regulations requiring <u>require</u> that potential impacts of new development...” This revision clarifies that the policy is intended to guide regulations that apply to new development proposals, not to the establishment of environmental plans where City may decide to protect some resources and not others, depending on the tradeoffs.	Commissioner Houck recommends staff address concerns regarding mitigation language. Mitigation should be defined in the glossary. Requests that the word “fully” be inserted so to read, “...then <i>fully</i> mitigated.” Without adding the word fully the city will not achieve the stated goal of “ <i>Improving environmental quality and preventing degradation</i> ” (GP7-9) through time.
11	Houck	Policy 7.11	Encourage <u>Require</u> mitigation approaches <u>and locations</u> that maximize the intended natural resource benefits <u>most effectively compensate for adverse impacts on locally and regionally significant natural resources and functions.</u> Require onsite mitigation unless off-site mitigation to take place within the same watershed and within the city urban service area unless the will improve mitigation can be accomplished more effectively elsewhere <u>ness.</u>	Commissioner Houck suggests that the proposed language undermines the city’s efforts to provide a healthy environment that is distributed equitably across the city’s landscape. The city should use the state and federal hierarchy, which should be included in the definition.
12	Houck		This revision clarifies the intent of the policy and the purpose of mitigation. It is also intended to provide more flexible guidance regarding the mitigation location, while making clear that mitigation is generally to remain within the same watershed and within Portland’s service area, and must compensate for both local and regional impacts. The policy also recognizes that mitigation may at times be achieved more effectively elsewhere, such as current Port of Portland off-site mitigation for impacts on grassland species supporting habitats on Government Island.	
12	Houck		Add a new policy to encourage improvement of natural resource function through development.	Commissioner requests clarification
13	Houck		Delete this policy to reduce redundancy.	Commissioner requests clarification
14	Houck		Move this Ecosystem Services policy to the previous section (Planning for natural resources).	Commissioner requests clarification

15	Tallmadge, Houck	Policy 7.14, 7.16, 7.22	Remove phrase “especially for under-served and under-represented communities” from 7.14 Air quality, 7.16 Water quality, and 7.22 Natural hazards. Add separate policy calling for land use and investment plans to improve the equitable distribution of access to clean air, water, nature, etc., especially for underserved and underrepresented communities.	Flagged for discussion
18	Tallmadge	Policy 7.17	Reword: “...quality, of fish and wildlife habitat and habitat corridors, and communities, <u>and help support recovery and prevent new listings of species under the Endangered Species Act.</u> ”	Commissioner notes connection to tribal fishing rights.
25	Houck		Reword: <u>Limit and impervious surfaces</u> to reduce impacts on hydrologic function, air and water quality, habitat connectivity, and tree canopy, <u>and urban heat island, caused by impervious surfaces.</u>	Commissioner requests clarification
26	Houck		Access to nature. Add: “ <u>...visual access to nature for all Portlanders, while also protecting maintaining the functions and values of significant natural resources...</u> ”	Commissioner requests clarification
28	Tallmadge	Policy 7.31	Restoration partnerships: replace “soil conservation organizations” with “Soil and Water Conservation Districts.”	Commissioner suggests added reference to communities of color and tribal communities.
30	Tallmadge	Policy 7.37 to 7.49	Add policies calling for natural resource protection and restoration programs to recognize the needs of water-dependent and water-related uses, while also encouraging ecologically sensitive development design and practices.	Commissioner asks why importance of these areas to tribal culture is not noted.
36	Tallmadge	New Columbia Slough Policy	Add policy: Portland International Airport. Protect, restore, and enhance natural resource values through environmental zoning, voluntary strategies, and the implementation of special development standards in the plan district and the Portland International Airport/Middle Columbia Slough Natural Resources Management Plan.	Flagged for discussion
37	Houck	Glossary	Consider adding definition of “parks.”	Commissioner requests clarification
38	Houck	Glossary	Consider revising glossary definition of “encourage” to indicate that implementation could include a range of regulatory and non-regulatory approaches.	Commissioner requests clarification
Other	Tallmadge	Intro	No staff-recommended change	Recognize the interconnection between environmental degradation, transit oriented development, displacement, and infrastructure dis-investment. Recognize communities of color and low income communities are the most impacted by climate change. Hard to separate environmental impact and environmental justice. Does not support siloing these issues.
Other	Tallmadge	Goal 7C	Resilience. No staff-recommended change	Add reference to climate and human-caused hazards.
Other	Tallmadge	Goal 7D	Environmental Equity. No staff-recommended change	Commissioner asked about going beyond equity to reparation and investments that prioritize...
Other	Rudd	Policy 7.4	Natural resource protection. No staff-recommended change	Flagged for discussion
Other	Tallmadge	Policy 7.20	Soils. No staff-recommended change	New guiding documents from communities of color?
Other	Tallmadge	Policy 7.28	Climate adaptation. No staff-recommended change	Add human behavior as a cause.
Other	Tallmadge	Policy 7.29	Brownfields. No staff-recommended change	Focus on where this impacts communities of color.