



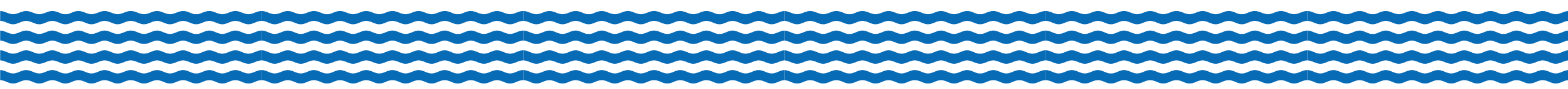
Comprehensive Plan Periodic Review **Economic Development Element**

City Of Mercer Island Planning Commission
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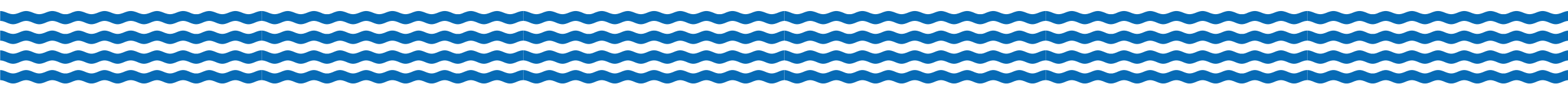
Purpose

To brief the Planning Commission on the comments received regarding the first draft of the Economic Development Element and Implementation Plan.



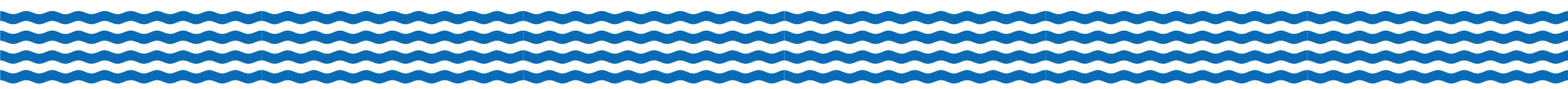
What is the Economic Development Element?

- New element of the Comprehensive Plan
- Sets goals, and policies to guide economic development decision-making.
- Details the projects and programs the City will undertake to support the local economy.



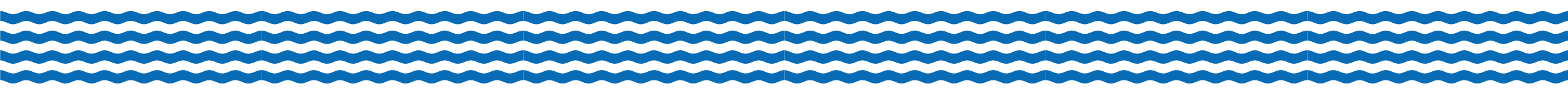
Process to Date

- **October to June** – Economic Development Work Group review
- **June 28** – initial briefing and comment period
- **July 26** – Second briefing and Planning Commission review of comments
 - Finished review of the introduction
- **August 31** – Third draft Economic Development Element provided with additional comments from Planning Commissioners



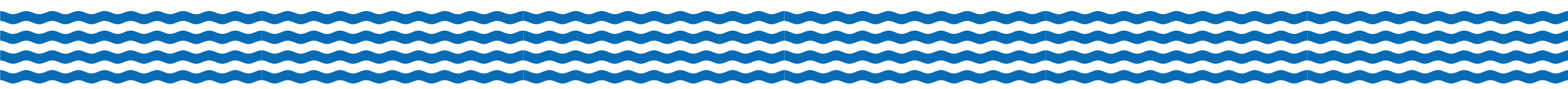
Planning Commission Comments

- Eighty-Six Planning Commission entries in the comment matrix
- Additional comments provided to the Planning Commission:
 - Chris Goelz – Email dated September 8
 - Kate Akyuz – Two emails dated September 21 and 27
 - Adam Ragheb – Email dated September 26
- Note: on July 27, the Planning Commission completed review of



Schedule Constraints

- After tonight's meeting, the Planning Commission will have one more regularly scheduled meeting to complete its work on the Economic Development Element
- If review is not finished by the end of the October meeting a special meeting will likely be required to keep the Comp Plan update on track
- Review needs to move faster than it did at the last meeting to stay on schedule



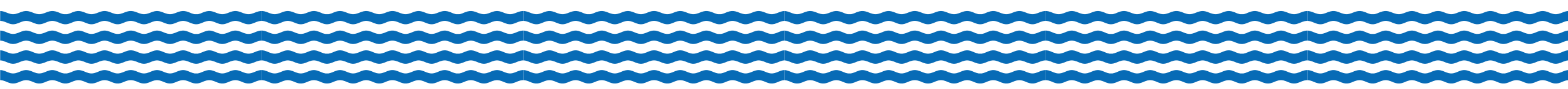
Review Process

Start review where we left off at the last meeting (policies under Goal 1).

PC should land on a process to get through the comments in a timely manner

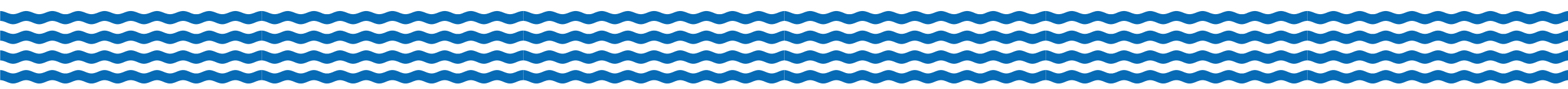
If a proposed amendment or comment is generating extensive debate, maybe table for next meeting to give everyone a chance to make up their mind

Making a motion and calling the question might be the best approach



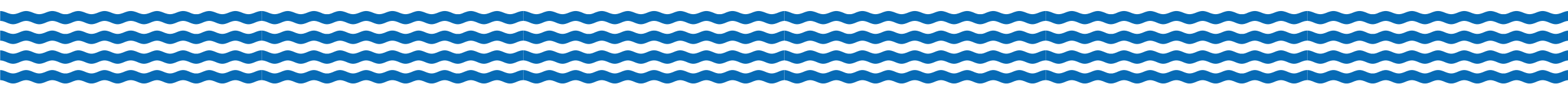
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Given the amount of review before the commission, staff recommends setting an end time for tonight's discussion. Typically, discussion slows down after 9:30 so we might want to stop then and pick back up at the next meeting.



Next Steps

- Staff will prepare another draft of the Economic Development Element that incorporates the feedback tonight for the PC to consider at its next meeting
- **October 25:** Please come prepared to resolve the remaining comments. If the PC does not wrap up its review at this meeting a special meeting will be very likely.



Questions?

