

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Committee-of-the-Whole – City Council Retreat**

9:00 AM
January 28, 2023

Tibbetts Creek Manor
750 17th Ave. NW

MINUTES

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Barbara de Michele
Zach Hall
Victoria Hunt
Russell Joe
Tola Marts
Chris Reh
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk
Robert Hamud, Chief Financial Officer
Autumn Monahan, Administrative Services
Director
Emily Moon, Public Works Director
Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services
Director
Susie Monsell, Budget Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Walsh called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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a) **Public Comment - None.**

b) **Introduction**

An introduction was provided by Council President Walsh, Deputy Council President Hall, and City Administrator Bobkiewicz.

c) **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Visioning**

- Goals & Outcomes Brainstorming Activity

The items identified for the “problems/goals” and “objectives/desired outcomes” during the CIP Visioning activity are provided as an attachment to the minutes.

****Break****

d) **Re-thinking the Capital Improvement Plan**

- Staff Presentation
- What's Missing Activity
- City Council Discussion

The items identified in the “What's Missing” activity are provided as an attachment to the minutes.

e) **CIP Project Criteria & the Role of Boards and Commissions**

- Staff Presentation
- City Council Discussion

****Lunch****

f) **CIP Funding & Revenue Options**

- Staff Presentation
- City Council Discussion

g) **2023 Citywide Workplan & City Council Agenda**

- City Council Discussion

h) **Public Comment**

The following individuals made public comment:

- Julian Mydlil, resident, made comments on a potential public safety ballot measure and suggested it should be more comprehensive.
- Connie Marsh, resident, encouraged investments in technology and GIS; requested that there be time after the CIP criteria are created and projects are shared for community and advisory board input; commented on the Goals and Outcomes chart and outside funding opportunities for CIP projects; and suggested a community survey regarding potential ballot measure regarding public safety.

i) **Closing Remarks**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:59 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Visioning

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Problems/Goals

Unclear how projects from plans are incorporated

Clarity of milestones

Systematic evaluation missing

Clear criteria/evaluation

History element missing

Uneven geographic distribution of projects

- Older, established neighborhoods lack opportunities
- What does parity look like?

Equitable outcomes not same everywhere

Need equity broadly

Projects lack phasing that is easily understood

Lacks compelling, overarching vision and narrative

Not intuitively organized

Lack criteria for maintenance vs. new and improvements, also need this info

Objectives/Desired Outcomes

Path for strategic planning documents into CIP

Progress > completion; CIP is a “double” document

We are clear with the community about infrastructure investments: communicate in ways that inform teach and engage the community

CIP/Budget are aligned, more certainty

CIP differentiates projects that can be accomplished and more “wish list” projects

CIP visualizes/tracks geographic distribution

Council understands our constraints and desires

Reprioritize backlog of projects

Lack of funds doesn’t prevent inclusion

Factor in resource constraints

Transportation Benefit District funding source

Utilizing available revenue sources

Criteria includes equity – equitable outcomes

Use innovative approaches to solve our infrastructure problems

Clarity on why we are using or not using revenue options

Capture broad community engagement and use it in how we build the CIP

Different ways of looking at plan (by geographic area)

Better understand relationship between funding and design/concepts

Has compelling overarching vision

Intuitive organized/presented modern presentation of information

Non-document presentation of info

Rethinking the CIP: What's Missing?

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Downtown Public Restrooms (Facilities plan)

- Elsewhere, what is need?
- Long term need and urgent need

Equal level of specificity

- Example: Creekside land acquisition
- Should be clear at CIP level to evaluate

Creative traffic calming solutions

- Pavement type, other urban feeling improvements

Teen Center

Opportunities to support groups like Creative Arts District

Capital Financing Community Task Force recommendations

Implementation

- Issaquah Climate Action Plan
- Master Mobility Plan

Support for transit

- Capital investments from other govts/agencies

City role to facilitate more housing development

- Leverage partnerships

Prepare for light rail

Master Mobility Plan – better bike and multi-modal facilities

Innovative solutions to future conditions like increasing flooding

Partner with Lake Sammamish groups and agencies

- Vision to have walkability and housing near the park

Community Center maintenance

Wildfire planning re: hardening of infrastructure – conversation about

Align w/Eastside Fire & Rescue plans, recognize other plans

Recognize Cascadia Rising

Lens of resiliency to disasters/emergencies

Street lighting

Making it easier for residents to get around – prioritizing local versus pass-through traffic issues

Other:

Plan updates

Process pipeline

Community discussion on light rail