

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Committee-of-the-Whole

6:30 PM
February 13, 2023

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Barbara de Michele
Zach Hall
Victoria Hunt
Russell Joe
Tola Marts
Chris Reh (*Excused Absence*)
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Walsh called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Public Comment** - None.

b) **ID 1312 - WSDOT Fish Passage Replacement Project**

Presented by:

Tim Nau, Washington Dept. of Transportation

Kris Olsen, Washington Dept. of Transportation

Matt Ellis, Utility Engineering Manager

The following public comment was provided:

- Dave Kappler, resident, expressed concern about the challenges of such a long term project.

City Councilmembers provided feedback, including:

- Support for the overall purpose behind the project
- Focus outreach on business community regarding rideshare and van share possibilities for employees
- Concerns about adverse impact to businesses and tourism; desire to focus on business needs
- Encourage Issaquah-specific information re: road detours and impacts
- Desire to capture purpose of these projects in messaging due to its specific resonance with the Issaquah community
- Concern around sequencing of projects
- Concern about police and emergency personnel access during the road closures associated with the projects

c) **ID 1398 - Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Goals, Outcomes & Project Selection Criteria**

Presented by:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator

City Councilmembers provided feedback on the Goals and Outcomes Chart, including:

- Address overlap in Goals & Outcomes chart and criteria
- Make sure the two documents are connected and reference each other
- Change wording of Goal & Outcome related to clear communication with the public given that the public won't be interacting with the plan to the same extent they will with Title 18, Land Use Code
- Add consideration of external plans like Eastside Fire & Rescue
- Move Issue 2(a), "It is unclear how projects from other planning documents are incorporated into the CIP" to Goal #1
- Add issue or objective stating that lack of funding no longer excludes a project from consideration

City Councilmembers provided feedback on the CIP Selection Criteria, including:

- Suggest adding who is being harmed including historic harm to the Equity criteria
- Consider not applying the red, yellow green format to the Equity criteria given that so much of equity cannot be easily measured
- Change, "Does the project benefit all/most community members in the City?"
- Desire to change the Long-Standing Commitment criteria to narrow down the list of future projects that might be incorporated within the "CIP prior to 2018" criteria. Desire to differentiate those projects that had a commitment versus those that have just been carried over from list to list. Request follow-up to determine which projects have such a commitment.
- Consider combining "Long Standing Commitment" as subset of "Community Priority" criteria
- For "City Resource Management and Economic Impact" consider separating the Resources from the Economic Impacts
- Expand on deferral as a risk factor in situations where infrastructure isn't already in place
- Add Project readiness under "Resource Management"
- Under "Legal Mandate" add reference to internal mandates
- Consider adding criteria regarding a balance of types of projects

d) **Good of the Order - None.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:18 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk