

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

6:30 PM
March 13, 2023

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Barbara de Michele (*Attended Virtually*)
Zach Hall
Victoria Hunt
Russell Joe
Tola Marts
Chris Reh
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 1315 - City Hall Planning: Space Needs Assessment Results**

Presented by:

*Autumn Monahan, Administrative Services Director
Bob Stowe, Stowe Development and Strategies
Mike Jobes, The Miller Hull Partnership
Marisa Mangum, Studio 8/3*

The City Council provided feedback on the following questions:

Are the goals on this project on the right track? Are there other goals that should be considered?

- Interest in making some changes to the economic vitality goal
- Providing spaces that meet the needs of people who work at the City should be a goal.
- Add "sustainable building" to the environmental stewardship goal
- Propose adding a goal, "Prioritize historic preservation of appropriate surplus city properties and recognize historic relationships with non-profit community members, when determining funding of city facility needs."
- Also suggest adding an equity goal and review of the study by the Equity Board to look at impacts to marginalized groups
- Add carbon neutrality as a goal
- Consider community needs outside of just meeting spaces, like colocation of other facilities that the City could eventually grow into

What hybrid scenario is best in planning for space needs at City Hall?

- Flexibility in plan is valuable
- Difficult to answer without respective costs for each option

- Some support for both Scenarios 1 and 2
- City should take lead in defining a hybrid schedule

What other information will be useful to the City Council to make future decisions about City facilities?

- Need cost estimates for the next stage of the process
- Exploration of how to better utilize City facilities as public spaces
- Consider the experience of residents around permitting, jail, other City services
- What other innovative ideas are out there?
- More information on parking and the potential for shared community parking
- 50-year time horizon estimates
- Interest in gathering information on how many employees work in office each day of the week
- Interest in seeing other cities' spaces
- Interest in a vertical mixed-use building

This item will return to the City Council at the April 24 City Council Committee of the Whole.

c) **ID 1193 - Title 18 Land Use Code: Consolidated Draft**

Presented by:

Minnie Dhaliwal, Community Planning & Development Director

Councilmember Hunt summarized the Planning, Development and Environment Committee's review and recommendation on the Title 18 Land Use Code update.

Councilmembers were asked to provide any areas of concern or need for additional information going forward. The following input was provided:

- Requested a comparison of current and proposed parking requirements as well as a comparison with neighboring cities parking requirements

Councilmember Hunt highlighted the following items, which the Planning Policy Commission recommended for additional review in the next 6-12 months by the Planning Policy Commission and City Council:

- Sustainable building design
- Missing middle housing
- Affordable housing
- Definitions
- Parking regulations
- Viewshed preservation
- Continued environmental protections
- Increased transparency through greater community involvement
- Review of the usability and accessibility of this document

This list will be added as priorities on a future updates document when this item returns to the City Council in April.

The Title 18 Land Use Code: Consolidated Draft will return to the City Council for a public hearing at the April 17, 2023 Regular City Council meeting.

d) **Good of the Order – None.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:23 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk