

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Mobility & Infrastructure Committee

6:30 PM
May 9, 2023

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Chris Reh, Chair
Barbara de Michele
Zach Hall

Administration/Staff:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Tammy Mueller, Public Records Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reh called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Connie Marsh - spoke regarding the process and timing of taking public input regarding raising taxes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of March 14, 2023

IT WAS MOVED BY DEPUTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT HALL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DE MICHELE, TO:

Approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023, meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED, 3-0.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **ID 1318 2024 - 2029 Capital Improvement Plan**
Following the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Thanked staff for thoughtful process behind developing the proposed CIP.
- Want to inform public on what the tax is and what it's for.
- Show the public what the City has done with taxpayer money already and what it could do with additional funds.
- Will take a while to see results so carefully explain projects.
- What's coming next - may be difficult for public to understanding so messaging should be emphasized.
- Funding outside of typical revenue sources must be investigated and considered.
- Transportation top priority of the community. Cannot pay for projects without additional revenues.
- Sales tax is regressive, but case was made that this is the best approach and will have minimal impact to the average resident.

- Alignment with goals and outcomes chart - criteria on longstanding commitment will be defined more soon, but if they cannot find a way to make this clear and transparent, shouldn't use as criteria. Is hopeful they can find a way with more work.
- Criteria matrix and way criteria is applied is not always clear, but understands why not every project can have a detailed summary.
- Balancing act between being transparent but also creating a readable document. Needs to be a continued conversation around sales tax increase. If moving forward with tax revenue, would like to see specific projects designated for funding, or at least specific options for funding, along with more information on what other revenue streams the projects may have.
- Would like to see narratives regarding how the criteria are applied, even if it is a lot of information.
- Embrace community as a whole - must do community outreach and see what they have to say. would not support without public input.
- Would like to see the proposed projects prioritized even if the TBD tax is not approved. Wants to be transparent about when funding will be used and when projects will begin if taxes are approved and collected.
- The Committee has advocated for the ITS project. Need tools to help with improving traffic flow and don't currently have enough tools to do this, with the ones the City does have needing replacement. Fits well with other projects.
- Explore other funding options or pairing ITS with other ongoing expenditures. Would like to ensure Council has more information and options to consider.
- Would like to see feedback and changes provided to Council about which committee gave what feedback and how it changed the proposed CIP.

Chairs will report on their Committees' responses to the CIP at the Committee of the Whole meeting in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:12 PM.

Chris Reh, Chair

Tammy Mueller, Public Records Specialist