

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Planning, Development & Environment Committee

6:30 PM
September 7, 2022

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Victoria Hunt, Chair
Chris Reh – excused absence
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke at public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of August 4, 2022

AGENDA ITEMS

ID 0976 Storm & Surface Water Master Plan

Following the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment for this item.

Committee comments included the following:

- The Committee members liked the ranked methodology used and appreciated the transparency of the process.
- Committee liked the habitat related projects.
- Committee felt that Council will have questions about how the selected projects in this master plan will relate to the Capital Improvement plan.
- Would like to see more visual aids for these and existing projects, including maps.

The Committee unanimously recommended moving this item the City Council on the Consent agenda.

ID 1157 Title 18 Land Use Code: Follow Up Items:

Following the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

Rooftop Screening

- The Committee preferred Option 1 – Require for equipment visible from sidewalk level.

Transparency for Multifamily

- The Committee preferred Option 1 – Blend and resolve the existing code.

View Preservation

- Committee felt there needed to be a community conversation around this.
- In the interim, the Committee's preference was for Option 3 – Maintain the existing code with no change.

Food Waste

- Food waste is a contamination concern with the City's recycling contractor.
- Committee felt that food waste chutes should not be required.
- Committee preferred an "Option 4" – a hybrid of options 1 & 3 - If chutes are used, require separate garbage and recycle chutes but no compost, and if chutes are not used, require secure and accessible collection areas.

Roofing Materials

- Committee expressed concerns around roofing materials and fire safety.
- There was a consensus that the code should provide for some flexibility and not be overly onerous
- Committee expressed a preference for Option 3 – Provide exception and flexibility for sustainable roof materials, or a possible "Option 4" hybrid of options 1 and 3.

Zoning Name Options

- The Committee expressed no preference for renaming the zoning designation of Multi-family medium – Olde Town.

Parking

- The Committee stressed the need for a community conversation regarding parking.
- There were concerns that the 2 space per unit maximum for single family detached/Tier 2 was too restrictive.
- The Committee wants parking to be neutral or decrease overall.
- Committee felt there needed to be an intermediate discussion on this topic before it goes to the full City Council.
- Committee felt that the parking values needed to be clarified.
- Committee preferred Option 1 -

Subdivision Block Length and Zero Lot Lines

- The Committee approved the recommendation made by the Planning Policy Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:01 PM.

Victoria Hunt, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

