

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Planning, Development & Environment Committee

6:30 PM
April 2, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Victoria Hunt, Chair
Lindsey Walsh
Zach Hall – Excused absence

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

- a) Minutes of February 6, 2024. Chair Hunt moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **COM 0021 Local Amendments Related to Wildfire and the Wildland Urban Interface Code of the State Building Code**

Following the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Wildfire risks are increasing due to worsening climate change.
- Committee members want to be proactive and get ahead of this issue, considering the State Building Code Council situation is currently unclear.
- City needs to take steps to protect itself and reduce fire risks, however more information is needed to make effective decisions.
- City should not get ahead of the contractor community.
- Committee members agreed that it does not make sense for the City to make its own fire hazard maps.
- Committee members were comfortable waiting for the state maps as long as the City remains involved.
- Defensible space is very important.
- Questions remain about the impact on the tree canopy and enforcement.
- More information is needed around which portions relating to structural hardening can be used.
- Topic needs to be discussed with community and homeowners' associations.

Committee recommended moving the item to the May 13 Committee of the Whole to discuss with other Councilmembers, then move to the May 20 Regular Council Meeting for action on proposed changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

Victoria Hunt, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk