

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Planning, Development & Environment Committee

7:00 PM
July 9, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:

Victoria Hunt, Chair
Lindsey Walsh
Zach Hall

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke during the public comment period.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of May 7, 2024. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **COM 0019 - Lakeside Transfer of Development Rights**

After the staff presentation the following members of the public spoke:

1. Kim Lee – Lakeside Industries – Thanked the staff and Council for their efforts and spoke regarding the Transfer of Development Rights, as well as the development of parks. She also spoke in support of Multi-Family Tax Exemptions.
2. Nancy Davison – Spoke in support of Transfer of Development Rights but expressed concerns about Conservation Easements.
3. Susan Neville – Spoke about protecting the environment.
4. Connie Marsh – Spoke about Conservation Easements and Stewardship Plan.
5. David Kappler – Spoke about Conservation Easements and the need to look at future needs.

Committee comments included the following:

- The Transfer of Development Rights are straightforward and have the support of the community.
- Committee acknowledged that requirements from this easement and deed restriction will prevent certain development.
- Committee expressed concerns around Conservation Easements.

The Committee recommended authorizing the Transfer of Development Rights.

Committee would like to report out to the full Council in Regular Business to discuss the deed restriction and Conservation Easement.

b) **COM 0061 - Annual Amendments to Title 18 and Title 3**

Following the staff presentation, no one spoke during the public comment period. Committee comments included the following:

- Committee members thanked the staff and Planning Policy Commission for their work on the amendments.
- Committee generally agreed with final version of amendments.
- Committee was in favor of making preapplication community meeting optional (before application is submitted) but required post application.

The Committee recommended this item be brought to the full City Council on the July 22 consent agenda.

c) **COM 0067 - Housing and Parking Analysis Scope of Work**

After the staff presentation the following people spoke during the public comment period:

1. Anne Fletcher – Suggested that electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and parking need to be looked at further.
2. Nicole de Leon – Attorney for NAIOP spoke in support of the Committee's efforts and in support of the Multi-Family Tax Exemption.

Committee comments included the following:

- The Committee was in support of the scope of work.
- Committee would like to see EV requirements increased.
- Bif things are happening nationally. Don't just look at what's happening regionally.
- Committee would like to see more information on EV feasibility.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:42 PM.

Victoria Hunt, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk