

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**City Council**  
**Services, Safety & Parks Committee**

6:30 PM  
November 15, 2022

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 135 E.  
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Committee Members:*

Tola Marts, Chair  
Chris Reh  
Barbara de Michele

*Administration/Staff:*

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator  
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Connie Marsh, Issaquah resident, spoke regarding the public process and decision-making process.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of October 18, 2022 were approved as presented.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

a) **ID 1298 TOD Project: Tibbetts Valley Park Cell Tower Lease**

After the staff presentation, public comment was taken. The following individuals spoke:

- Steve Pereira, Issaquah resident, would like to see more information about the project, including pros and cons.
- David Kappler, Issaquah resident, had questions about osprey nests and parking for crews working on the tower.
- Connie Marsh, Issaquah resident, spoke about public process and community engagement relating to the project as well as creek buffers.
- David Namura, Lumen representative, spoke in favor of the project.

Committee comments included:

- Appreciate the efforts of everyone who has worked on this project over the years.
- The committee recognized that there is a huge need for the project in the community.
- The city has been talking about this project for several years now.
- Although the city's role has changed it is committed to the project.
- Many locations had been looked at for this project and the recommended location is the best one.

**It was moved by de Michele and seconded by Marts to approve moving ahead with negotiations on the cell phone tower relocation to Tibbetts Creek Park and continue lease negotiations and bring the lease to the next Regular City Council Meeting for the Council's approval. The motion passed 3 – 0.**

b) **ID 1297 King County Housing Authority Interlocal Agreement**

After the staff presentation, public comment was taken. The following spoke:

- Connie Marsh, Issaquah resident, felt that the process for this project was awkward and confusing.

Committee comments included the following:

- The project has changed over the last five years.
- There has been an adequate public process.
- General support of the project.
- The negotiations have been difficult, and some have had to be in private for legal reasons.
- An interlocal agreement is needed because there is no development agreement.
- Would like to see a “not to exceed” cap on the opportunity center in the ILA

**It was moved by Marts and seconded by de Michele to advance the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) for full Council consideration at the November 21, 2022 Regular City Council meeting. The motion passed 3 – 0.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 PM.

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Tola Marts, Chair

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Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk