

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

6:30 PM  
March 21, 2023

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 135 E.  
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Committee Members:*

Tola Marts, Chair  
Barbara de Michele  
Russell Joe

*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**

- Rachel Wright – Arts Commission Vice-Chair – Thanked the Committee for its continued support and funding for arts in the City.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of February 22, 2023. CM de Michele moved (Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>) to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion passed 3 – 0.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

a) **ID 1245 Community Broadband Assessment**

*Presented by:*

*Gene Paul, Management Analyst*

*Dave Knauer, Consultant, The Timmons Group*

*Andy Fox, Consultant, The Timmons Group*

After the staff presentation, the following individuals spoke during public comment:

- Terry Davis – Comcast – spoke about several topics related to the agenda item, including education, outreach, equity, and technology, and Comcast's efforts in those areas.
- David von Moritz – Astound/Wave – spoke to the information in the report and expressed that his company is looking forward to working on the issues.

Committee comments included:

- General approval for the staff recommendation.
- Committee liked the education aspect.
- It was felt that underserved neighborhoods may qualify for assistance.
- Committee appreciated efforts on the part of providers, but wondered if the issue is infrastructure or access.
- Is the definition of "underserved" adequate?
- Committee felt that the focus should be on the 100/20 standard (100 Megabytes per second for downloads/20 Megabytes per second for uploads). Simplify the policy questions around that standard.
- Ensure that standard is available to everyone and the assist those with financial or other barriers to access.
- Need more and better data. Does the data support parsing the 100/20 standard?

- ) • Committee would like staff to bring back more data, including information from internet Service Providers as an addendum.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 PM.

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Tola Marts, Chair

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Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk