

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Services, Safety & Parks Committee

6:30 PM
July 18, 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

1. Terry Davis – Comcast – spoke in support of the Broadband Assessment.
2. Connie Marsh – Squak Mountain – spoke regarding issues around access to broadband services.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of May 16, 2023. – **Moved by Joe (de Michele 2nd) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed 3 – 0.**

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **ID 1443 Broadband Assessment Follow-Up**

After the staff presentation, the following people spoke at public comment:

1. Connie Marsh – Ms. Marsh reported having frequent trouble with Comcast service on Squak Mountain and raised questions regarding what is supportable in terms of “community cost”.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee agreed with staff recommendation and felt that the pivot to focus on education and outreach was appropriate.
- Focus outreach on low-income families.
- Committee members liked the idea of working with the Issaquah School District.
- Work with the Senior Center as well.
- Committee encouraged staff have materials ready for distribution at the upcoming Community Resources Fair in August, if possible.
- Committee appreciated staff bringing back answers from questions brought up at the March committee meeting.

Committee consensus was to place this item on the consent calendar of the August 7 Regular City Council meeting for its approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

Tola Marts, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk