

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Services, Safety & Parks Committee

6:30 PM
September 19, 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

The following members of the public addressed the committee:

1. Jessica Clawson – spoke regarding the Pioneer Project
2. Brian Runberg – SRM – spoke regarding the Pioneer Project and affordable housing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of August 9, 2023 – **CM de Michele moved (Joe 2nd)** to approve the minutes as presented. **Approved 3 – 0.**

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **ID 1531 Pioneer Program**

After the staff presentation the following individuals spoke at public comment:

1. Brian Runberg – SRM – spoke regarding project costs and MFTEs.

Committee comments included:

- Committee members thanked staff.
- Committee in general were supportive of moving forward with the Pioneer Project
- Asked staff to look at increasing the number of units.
- It was felt that the community needs the affordable units so the City should not delay unnecessarily.
- There was concern expressed about MFTEs taking tax from the school district, even temporarily.
- In addition to MFTEs fee waivers should be considered.
- Committee acknowledged that the project needs to pencil out for developers also.
- Committee recognized that it will take time for development to ramp up.
- The Committee was in favor of the 80% AMI
- There should be a clear cost/benefit ratio to the project. If the benefit is clear, investment will follow.

The item will next move to the Planning Policy Commission, then to the Committee of the Whole on October 19, 2023.

b) **ID 1527 Affordable Housing Capital Funding**

After the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included:

- The Committee was in support of moving forward.
- Committee asked staff to investigate developing an ordinance regarding the rental of City facilities with long term partners.

c) **ID 1454 ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan**

After the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included:

- Committee members felt that the framer, order, annual reporting and benchmarks outlined by staff were all acceptable.
- Committee urged staff to make actual progress with this plan.

It was discussion whether this item should be on the Consent or Regular Business portion of the Regular Council Meeting agenda. Consensus was that more information is needed on the associated costs, and that will inform agenda placement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:43 PM.

Tola Marts, Chair

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk