

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council
Services, Safety & Parks Committee

6:30 PM
 January 23, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers
 135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Committee Members:
 Tola Marts, Chair
 Barbara de Michele
 Russell Joe

Administration/Staff:
 Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
 Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of December 11, 2023.

Councilmember Joe moved approval of the Dec. 11, 2023, minutes. By a vote of 3-0, the minutes were approved.

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **ID 1556 Updated Economic Development Plan**

Presented by:

Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager

Cassie Byerly, Consultant

Chris Reichley, Chair, Economic Vitality Commission

No public comment was provided.

The Committee provided feedback on the following questions:

Are there significant concerns with any of the proposed Action Plan elements?

- The Committee was unanimously supportive of the plan.
- Appreciate the data in the plan

Are there other economic development metrics that should be considered?

- Recommend expanding the explanation of the metrics and how they will inform future plans
- Recommend adding nationwide data such as the University of Michigan's Index of Consumer Sentiment

Is the Economic Development Quarterly report sufficient for progress reporting?

- Quarterly reports are excellent

- Consider identifying when targets are reached in the report

Other feedback:

- Interest in learning more about large employers and how the City is doing on that front

The Committee recommended this item return under Regular Business at the Feb. 5 Council meeting with a focus on the metrics, including housing data.

b) **ID 1563 Arts Grant Funding**

Presented by:

Amy Dukes, Cultural Arts Manager

No public comment was provided.

The Committee was supportive of the arts grant recommendations and recommended this item be forwarded to the City Council for approval on the Consent Calendar.

c) **ID 1566 Religious and Cultural Calendar**

Presented by:

Dale Markey-Crimp, Assistant to the City Administrator

The Committee was supportive of the proposed calendar and review of the calendar every four years. It was recommended the calendar be posted on the City website well in advance for planning purposes. The Committee recommended this item be forwarded to the City Council for approval on the Consent Calendar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:19 PM.

Tola Marts, Chair

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk