

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Special Meeting**

6:00 PM
July 30, 2021

Tibbetts Creek Manor,
750 17th Ave. NW, Issaquah

MINUTES

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Barbara de Michele
Stacy Goodman (*Attended remotely*)
Zach Hall
Victoria Hunt
Tola Marts
Chris Reh
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

PURPOSE

The purpose of this special meeting was for the City Council to conduct a strategy and budget planning workshop. Please note, this agenda also serves as the special meeting notice pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.

AGENDA

a) Introduction

- Meeting Objectives
- City Councilmember Community Priorities
- Mayor's 2022 Budget Priorities
- Overview of Strategic Plan Accomplishments
- Overview of Community Survey Results: Areas of Emphasis

Led by: Mayor Pauly

Councilmembers shared their takeaways from the community survey and community priorities for the year ahead.

b) Public Comment

The following individual provided public comments:

- Julian Mydlil, stated that mobility is a huge issue; there needs to be emphasis on recovery of transit and emphasis on community engagement.

c) Adjustments to Strategic Plan Objectives

Led by: Council President Hunt & Deputy Council President Reh

Following discussion, the City Council recommended the following adjustments to the Strategic Plan Objectives:

MOBILITY

- A plan for the transportation system is in place and funding is secured for major projects.
- Near-term connections and efficiencies in mobility system are completed.

- The preferred location, timeline and vision for light rail integration is established.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

- Our natural environment is protected and improved, in a consistent, responsible, and sustainable manner.
- Community members are active partners in the stewardship of Issaquah's environment and in Issaquah's response to climate change.
- The City has acquired strategic lands for park, trail, open space, critical areas, and natural resource protection to maximize community benefits.

SOCIAL & ECONOMIC VITALITY

- There is an increase in new and recovery of existing businesses that chose to locate and expand in Issaquah, especially those with wage levels that enable workers to also live in the community.
- Housing affordability better meets the needs of individuals and families across the income spectrum to live and work in the community.
- ~~Services and resources reduce inequities in health and wellbeing in the community.~~
- The City facilitates connecting residents to human services organizations to help the community thrive.

CITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICES

- The City is actively sustaining an equitable and welcoming city government, embracing diversity, and fostering meaningful, inclusive and varied civic engagement.
- The City is utilizing high performing internal systems to effectively and efficiently serve the Issaquah community.
- Public Safety resources meet our diverse community needs.

There were no proposed changes to the Growth and Development and Infrastructure Objectives.

d) **Adjustments to Strategic Plan Potential Actions (i.e. Citywide Workplan)**

- Adjustments or modifications
- 2022 budget prioritization
- Metrics of success for prioritized actions

Led by: Council President Hunt & Deputy Council President Reh

The City Council ranked potential actions/workplan items by priority. The rankings are attached (Attachment A: Ranking of Strategic Plan Actions). The City Council also discussed metrics of success for prioritized actions.

[Councilmember Goodman left the meeting at 8:44 PM.]

[Mayor Pauly left the meeting at 8:56 PM.]

e) **Next Steps**

Led by: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator

City Councilmembers provided feedback on the process. The proposed updates to the Strategic Plan Objectives and Actions will be brought forward for formal action at a future Council meeting.

f) **Adjournment**

Council President Hunt adjourned the meeting at 9:24 PM.

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Attachment A: Ranking of Strategic Plan Actions / Areas of Emphasis

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MOBILITY

Broaden Squak-Talus to Inter City Workplan (4)

Advocate for Post-COVID Transit Recovery (4)

Mobility Master Plan Implementation (3)

Broadband – Work from home (3)

Advocate and engage with region, community, timeline light rail (2)

Congestion relief – intra-City (2)

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Title 18 Land Use Code (5)

Accessory Dwelling Units, missing middle options (5)

Infrastructure activities for future growth (2)

Central Issaquah (2)

Advance Planning (2)

Neighborhood gaps in amenities (2)

Communication to Community

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Adoption and implementation of climate action plan (6)

Funding for land acquisition (4)

Funding for maintenance of open space (4)

Meaningful volunteer opportunities (3)

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VITALITY

Human Services Strategic Plan (4)

Housing strategy workplan (4)

Employer recruitment plan (3)

Consistency of service delivery (2)

Homeless outreach (2)

City assessment of properties re: affordable use (2)

CITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES

Police recruitment and retention strategy (4)

Equity framework (3)

Community engagement strategy (3)

Alternative responses for public safety (3)

Update plans for emergency response (2)

City employee housing incentives/recruitment

Increase efficiency and effectiveness of City programs

INFRASTRUCTURE

Broadband (6)

Capital Financing Community Task Force (4)

More sidewalks and lighting (3)

Pavement management (3)

Water system improvements

Asset management