



AGENDA

Legislative Committee Regular Meeting

4:30 PM - Wednesday, March 20, 2019

City Hall Executive Briefing Room - Plaza 111, Sammamish, WA

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	CALL TO ORDER	4:30 pm
	PUBLIC COMMENT	
	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	
3 - 5	1. January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting View Minutes	
6 - 7	2. February 6, 2019, Regular Meeting View Minutes	
	TOPICS	
	3. Legislative Update from City Lobbyists	
	FUTURE MEETING TOPICS	
	TBD	
	NEXT MEETING DATE(S)	
	Meetings are scheduled for every two weeks. The next meeting is on April 3, 2019 at 4:30pm.	
	ADJOURNMENT	5:30 pm

Public Comment Guidelines:

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Committee. Three (3) minutes are granted per person, or five (5) minutes if representing the official position of a recognized community organization.

If you are submitting written material, please supply a minimum of seven (7) copies (three (3) for the Committee; three (3) for Staff; one (1) for the record). If you would like to show a video or give a presentation, please contact Tammy Mueller (tmueller@sammamish.us; 425-295-0514) to determine whether the meeting room is equipped to accommodate your needs. Digital files must be submitted or emailed by 5:00pm the day prior to the meeting to Tammy Mueller.

Please be aware that all materials submitted will become part of the public record.

Meeting Accessibility:

Committee meetings are wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation is available upon request. Assisted Listening Devices are also available upon request. Please call (425) 295-0500 at least 48-hours in advance to request assistance.

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Legislative Committee Regular Meeting

10:00 AM - January 28, 2019

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Committee Members Present: Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama
Councilmember Pam Stuart
Councilmember Jason Ritchie

Councilmembers Pam Stuart and Jason Ritchie joined the meeting via teleconference.

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Larry Patterson
Management Analyst Mike Sugg
Management Analyst Tammy Mueller
Administrative Assistant Amy Koehnen

CALL TO ORDER

Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama called the Legislative Committee meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Stickney, 22626 NE Inglewood Hill Rd, spoke regarding state legislation about zoning and the Growth Management Act.

Mary Wictor, 408 208th Ave NE, spoke regarding housing within the City of Sammamish, stormwater, and culverts.

TOPICS

Election: Election of Committee Chairperson

MOTION: Councilmember Jason Ritchie moved to Nominate Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama to the position of Chair of the Legislative Committee. Councilmember Pam Stuart seconded. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama was elected Chair of the Legislative Committee.

Draft**Discussion:** Proposed Legislation Regarding Deannexation from a Park District

Management Analyst Mike Sugg briefed the Committee on the topic of addressing the double taxation which occurs when a city annexes an area that is part of a Park District. The City of Monroe is currently working with the WA Recreation and Park Association to develop legislation to address this issue, as shown in the packet material.

City lobbyist Nick Federici joined the meeting via teleconference and gave an update on the legislation's status, providing next step options to the Committee. The Committee held discussion and requested that the lobbyists provide a 1-page memo explaining the options to the full City Council for their consideration.

Discussion: Potential Legislation Regarding the Siting of RTA Facilities

Management Analyst Mike Sugg briefed the Committee on the topic. The Committee discussed whether this legislation was of interest to pursue. The Committee agreed that, if the park and ride could be de-coupled from the topic, it would be of interest.

Update: City Response to Proposed Legislation Regarding Minimum Density

Management Analyst Mike Sugg briefed the Committee on the topic, referring to the [memo in the packet](#). City lobbyist Luke Esser joined the meeting via teleconference and provided an update to the Committee on the topic. Discussion commenced.

- City lobbyists stated that legislators appear to support for the concept of state mandates regarding minimum density in general, just not how the legislation plans to accomplish it. This general support reportedly stems from a desire to address affordable housing issues by increasing density and the number of houses built. However, one of the City's specific concerns in the proposed legislation is regarding where density would be mandated, such as around parks and light rail stations, which does not suit Sammamish. A number of Sammamish parks are built around environmental critical areas and other such natural areas which are not suitable for dense development. The Committee discussed whether this case could be made to state lawmakers, perhaps showing a report with the number of "active" parks versus "passive" parks (i.e. nature preserves) and request that the language of "parks" be clarified with this "active/passive" park concept in mind.
- The current version of the proposed legislation also mandates a certain density around light rail stations. While light rail is not planned for Sammamish, this is still projected to affect Sammamish resident commutes through Issaquah and Redmond. The Committee requested that the lobbyists keep this in mind during future discussions on the topic in Olympia.
- The Committee advised that protecting Lake Sammamish in the event of higher density in the area be taken into consideration as well as public transit options within the City. The Committee requested that staff provide the full City Council the draft response to AWC to allow a chance to submit questions and input.
- Chair Valderrama requested that the minutes include a comment from the City lobbyists, which occurred at a previous lobbyist check-in call, that legislators have expressed that a city's willingness to accept growth is a factor when allocating funding for infrastructure.

Councilmember Jason Ritchie left the teleconference line, leaving the meeting.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

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Discuss agenda and strategy for trip to Olympia

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NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

February 6, 2019 - 9:00 am

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ramiro Valderrama adjourned the meeting at 10:51 am.

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MINUTES

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9:00 AM - February 6, 2019

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Committee Members Present: Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama
Councilmember Pam Stuart
Councilmember Jason Ritchie

Councilmember Jason Ritchie joined the meeting via teleconference.

Committee Members Absent:

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Christie Malchow
Councilmember Tom Hornish

Mayor Christie Malchow and Councilmember Tom Hornish joined the meeting via teleconference.

Staff Present: City Manager Larry Patterson
Management Analyst Mike Sugg
Management Analyst Tammy Mueller
Administrative Assistant Amy Koehnen

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramiro Valderrama called the Legislative Committee meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Wictor, 408 208th Ave NE, provided recommendations for the City's administrative functions regarding maps and video conferencing.

TOPICS

Preparation for AWC City Action Days

Chair Ramiro Valderrama opened discussion of the topic. City lobbyists Luke Esser and Nick Federici joined the meeting via teleconference. The AWC City Action Days [conference schedule](#) was discussed by the full committee and additional preparations were discussed.

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- The Committee requested that the City Manager direct staff to add a tab labeled "Sammamish" to the materials provided to Councilmembers to drop off in State Legislators folders at the conference. This method was well-received in the past and was deemed worth repeating to assist legislators with locating the Sammamish materials amongst the other materials in their folders.
- The lobbyists suggested that the white space on the second page of the 2019 Sammamish Legislative Priorities list be utilized, similar to the first page. The Committee discussed whether to include the City Council's stance on Senator Palumbo's density bill in the white space, opting instead to attach a memo.
- The lobbyists informed the Committee that they are available to provide or assist with transportation to and from meetings.
- The Committee requested that the City Manager direct staff to create a 1-page Sammamish-specific conference schedule.
- The Committee requested an update on SB 5008 regarding short plats from the City lobbyists. The bill would change the definition of a short plat from 9 to 30. The lobbyists briefed the Committee on the bill's current status, indicating that it is unclear whether the bill will move forward. A number of Senator Palumbo's bills regarding affordable housing, increasing density, and streamlining the permitting process are packaged together. The lobbyists will continue to provide updates to the Committee on these bills.
- The particulars of HB 1797 regarding Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) were discussed. The Committee affirmed that the Sammamish City Council opposes all local control issues. This bill includes language which would allow the state to dictate the city's regulations for ADUs rather than leaving it to the City Council. Regulations for ADUs were recently addressed with the Interim Development Regulations.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

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WA State AB Updates

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

TBD - early morning or late afternoon

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.