



MINUTES

Legislative Committee Regular Meeting

4:30 PM - March 20, 2019

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

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

Committee Members Absent:

Staff Present: City Manager Larry Patterson
Management Analyst Mike Sugg
Management Analyst Tammy Mueller

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramiro Valderrama called the Legislative Committee meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Victor, 408 208th Ave NE, spoke regarding proposed legislation regarding land use, providing handouts to the Legislative Committee (available upon request).

Paul Stickney, 22626 NE Inglewood Hill Rd, spoke requesting public comment at the end of committee meetings and regarding legislation on condominium reform and housing density.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

January 28, 2019, Regular Meeting

February 6, 2019, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama moved to approve the minutes. Councilmember Pam Stuart seconded. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

TOPICS

Legislative Update from City Lobbyists

City lobbyists Nick Federici and Luke Esser joined the meeting via teleconference. They provided

updates on their progress in lobbying for the City's 2019 Legislative Priorities to the Legislative Committee.

1. Salmon Passage Culvert Improvement Grants

- a. There seems to be support from the local delegation regarding George Davis Creek and Ebright Creek. Requests have been made to both the capital budget and transportation budget on the topic. More information is expected on Monday, March 25, 2019 when the House is scheduled to release its Operating and Capital Budget for the year.

2. Accessibility

- a. The lobbyists have been working to gain support for the City's request for funding to complete Issaquah Fall City Road Improvements. Despite earlier indications that he would support the request, Senator Mullet has conveyed that he will only be passing along one transportation request and that it would be for SR-18 over Tiger Mountain due to safety concerns.
- b. Funding for transportation projects is presently limited due to lack of revenue given that, along with other issues, the proceeds from the new gas tax were less than expected.

3. Metro Monopoly Lifted

- a. There are several versions of bills on the topic. SB (Senate Bill) 5896 did make it out of the Transportation Committee but did not make it out of the Rules Committee in time and technically died.
- b. There is an effort to include a proviso in the Transportation Budget to study the utilization of park and ride lots and ways to maximize trips generated by those facilities.

4. Transportation in General

- a. A transportation package was proposed which included a \$15 per metric ton carbon tax, 6 cent per gallon gas tax, weight fees, and development fees which would have added funds for transportation projects but it is reported to be unlikely to pass this session due to lack of support.

5. Condominium Liability Reforms

- a. SB 5334 passed unanimously in the Senate and is scheduled for an executive session in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary later this week following a public hearing last week. No major hurdles are expected and passage of this bill is anticipated.

6. Ending the Double Taxation of Annexed Park District Areas

- a. The City's bill, HB (House Bill) 2044 passed out of the House unanimously and is now moving through the Senate.
- b. Direction was asked of the Committee on whether to continue to push for a councilmanic option, which would give city council the authority to put deannexation directly on the ballot for voters to decide. The current draft bill allows deannexation to be added to a ballot when 10% of a City's voters petition to do so, or a city and park district come to a joint agreement. A councilmatic option currently does not have support and previous bills including councilmatic language have been killed.
- c. The Committee requested that the lobbyists continue working on language for the bill which would accomplish the City's goals without compromising the relationship with the Parks & Recreation District to the point of killing the bill. The draft will be reviewed by the full Council.
- d. The Committee discussed options for tailoring the scope of the councilmanic amendment to be more palatable for the various stakeholders involved in the bill.

7. Questions for the Lobbyists

- a. The Committee requested that the lobbyists inform them what is not expected to

change by Monday when they will be in Olympia for the Action Days. The response was that the House Democrats are expected to release their Operating and Capital Budget Proposals. This will inform their identified priorities. The proposals are expecting a hearing in the House Appropriations and possibly Budget Committees. Nothing is expected to change before Monday.

- b. There is reportedly an updated revenue forecast with \$850 million in new revenue. The Committee questioned whether this could affect the potential for funding for George Davis and Ebright Creek Culverts or a smaller transportation package or whether the funds were already accounted for. The lobbyists responded that the funds are generally accounted for and that this would not affect transportation at all given that transportation revenues are not up the same way as operating budget revenues.
- c. Regarding whether a proclamation of the Sammamish City Council in support of SB 5323 (plastic bag ban) would be beneficial to the City, the lobbyists responded that it likely would be appreciated by the bill's sponsors and would be appropriate if it was the will of the Council. The legislation is moving forward successfully at this point in time.

8. Housing Bill Updates

- a. Regarding density and ADU bills, SB 5008 concerning short subdivisions passed in the Senate. In its current state, it allows rather than requires local jurisdictions to accommodate short subdivisions up to 24 units.
- b. SB 5812 concerning ADUs also passed in the Senate and is more permissive in its current state than it was previously.
- c. HB 1923 concerning increasing urban residential building capacity is a work in progress with conversation led by AWC to limit the compulsory nature of it and focus on incentives and permissive provisions.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Action Days Follow-Up

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

April 4, 2019 - 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposal to Recommend a Proclamation in Support of SB 5323 (plastic bag ban) to the Full City Council

Councilmember Jason Ritchie proposed the topic, querying the Committee as to whether it would support recommending a proclamation in support of SB 5323 to the full City Council. Discussion commenced.

MOTION: Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama moved to recommend to the full City Council a study session on the issue and use of single-use plastics. Councilmember Pam Stuart seconded. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

MOTION: Councilmember Jason Ritchie moved to recommend to the full City Council a proclamation in support of SB 5323. Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama seconded. Motion carried 2-1 with Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama dissenting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.