



MINUTES

Legislative Committee Special Meeting

4:30 PM - April 4, 2019

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

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

Councilmember Pam Stuart joined the meeting via teleconference.

Councilmember Jason Ritchie joined the meeting via teleconference and arrived in person at 4:50 p.m.

Committee Members Absent:

Council Members Present: Mayor Christie Malchow
Deputy Mayor Karen Moran

Mayor Christie Malchow joined the meeting via teleconference.

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 4:32 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Stickney, 22626 NE Inglewood Hill Rd, requested updates of condo legislation as well as a holistic view of the status of local control housing bills.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

March 20, 2019, Regular Meeting

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

TOPICS

Legislative Update from City Lobbyists

City lobbyists Luke Esser and Nick Federici joined the meeting via teleconference. They provided an update to the Committee on the City's 2019 Legislative Priorities.

1. **Salmon Passage Culvert Improvement Grants:**
 - a. The House Capital Budget allocated \$515,000 under the Local and Moving Process for George Davis Creek.
 - b. There is also an allocated \$123,000 to the Sammamish Heritage Society for reconstruction of the Reard House in the Senate budget.
 - c. The Senate version of the Capital Budget allocated \$722,000 for George Davis Creek culvert and \$352,000 for Ebright Creek. These same funds were put under the House Transportation Budget rather than House Capital Budget. The lobbyists will work to ensure that these funds remain consistent during the reconciliation process.
2. **Ending the Double Taxation of Annexed Park District Areas:**
 - a. HB (House Bill) 2044 will go to the Senate Rules Committee for a second reading. No surprises are anticipated.
 - b. The Parks District has not been amenable to language which Sammamish has been seeking to allow for a Councilmatic option to deannex. In its current form, it would allow petitions to be gathered to put a deannexation option on a ballot which is reportedly preferable to relying on the Parks & Recreation District sole power to grant deannexation. The lobbyists report that they are still working with the Parks & Recreation District to develop language more preferable to Sammamish but report it is a difficult process.
3. **Metro Monopoly Lifted/Transit:**
 - a. The lobbyists report that they have been successful in raising the profile of the Issaquah Fall City Road improvements. Briefly discussed was a meeting during the AWC Lobby Day with Representative Larry Springer who seemed sympathetic to the requested improvements.
4. **Housing / Density:**
 - a. HB 1923 continues to move through the process and is scheduled for a public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means on April 5, 2019. It was pared down earlier in the week in the Senate Committee on Housing Stability & Affordability where it was amended to include additional requirements.
 - b. AWC (Association of Washington Cities) has requested input by Monday to better negotiate on behalf of the cities. The lobbyists are looking for guidance from the Sammamish City Council on how to proceed and what feedback to provide. The City Council members will submit feedback individually to City staff who will distill and submit it.
 - c. Mayor Christie Malchow questioned staff as to the progress of determining whether ADUs would be grandfathered into the proposed requirements. Staff replied that the matter is still under investigation.
5. **Condo Liability Reform**
 - a. SB (Senate Bill) 5334 is reportedly anticipated to pass the House today or tomorrow.

AWC Lobby Day Follow-Up

The Committee queried the lobbyists regarding whether they had flagged any follow-up actions for the Committee from the AWC Lobby Day.

1. The lobbyists responded that they will follow up with their local delegation and communicate their thanks for all their help with adding the funding for the culverts to the budgets and continuing to work with them to ensure that the funding remains after the reconciliation process.

2. Also of note was the continued work on HB 2044 as described previously in these minutes.

Legislation Regarding Tractor Trailers

Management Analyst Mike Sugg updated the Legislative Committee on the topic, referring to the [included packet material](#). A representative from the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks met with Interim City Manager Larry Patterson recently. The Legislative Committee is being asked to determine whether this is a topic on which the City Council should take a position, and if so, formulate a recommendation for Council.

1. The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks is dedicating to fighting legislation which proposes to increase the size of tractor trailers. They are concerned about the wear and tear on infrastructure due to increased weight limits. They are also concerned about public safety.
 - a. ***Councilmember Jason Ritchie joined the meeting in person at 4:50 p.m.***
2. The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks is looking for the City to sign onto their letter to Congress opposing legislation which would allow three connected trailers.
3. The Committee questioned whether the City has the ability to restrict the passage of such vehicles within the City, determining that they cannot restrict the passage over designated truck routes such as 228th Ave SE but can restrict passage on secondary roads.

MOTION: Councilmember Pam Stuart moved to have the Legislative Committee bring the memo forward to next Council meeting for review. Councilmember Ramiro Valderrama seconded. Motion carried unanimously 3-0.

After the vote, the lobbyists reported that there were several bills to authorize a pilot program for triple combinations. They all died for the year but it is an issue that may come back in the State Legislature.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

TBD

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

April 17, 2019 -- 4:30 - 5:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.