

Governance Committee Charter

Title	Governance Committee (Ad-Hoc Committee)
SCOPE OF WORK	The Governance Committee is responsible for developing recommendations that strengthen the functioning of the Sammamish City Council.
INTERFACES	City Council City Departments
COMPOSITION	The committee shall consist of up to three City Council members, and they shall serve at the discretion of the City Council. A chairperson will be selected at the first committee meeting of the year.
MEETINGS	<p>The committee shall meet at such times as necessary to complete the tasks described below. The chairperson will work directly with the staff lead to set agendas and confirm meeting dates, times and locations.</p> <p>Members of the committee are expected to attend each committee meeting, in person or via teleconference. A majority of the committee members present or participating through teleconference shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>It is a standard practice that all committee meetings will be formally noticed. On occasion, it may be necessary to schedule committee meetings on short notice. It may also be necessary to hold committee meetings off-site to support local and regional coordination efforts. Under these circumstances, it may not be possible to formally notice the committee meeting.</p>

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<p>DESCRIPTION OF TASKS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Governance Committee shall study and formulate recommendations in areas including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. City Council organization, process and rules. b. City Council policies. c. Council committees structure. d. Councilmember education and training, including new member orientation and legal and ethical responsibilities. e. City Council governance practices, including transparency, accountability, fiduciary responsibilities and management oversight. f. Review and recommend to the full City Council ways to correct Council behavior, if necessary. g. Overall City Council processes. 2. Accomplish assigned tasks per the timelines established in the annual work plans and/or as directed by the City Council.
<p>ACCOUNT-ABILITY</p>	<p>Committee direction (tasks, changes in tasks, timelines for completion, reporting, etc.) is provided by the City Council.</p>
<p>DELIVERABLES</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish a meeting agenda at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled committee meeting for delivery to all committee members and to be posted to the City’s website. 2. Include chairperson-approved meeting minutes in the packet materials for the next regular City Council meeting following approval. 3. Provide policy-level recommendations by majority vote or unanimous consent.

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APPROVALS/ AUTHORITY	<p>The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The City Council reviews and approves all policy recommendations provided by the committee.</p> <p>The committee does not direct significant staff work, nor is the committee authorized to commit any funds of the City without approval from the City Council.</p>
RESOURCES NEEDED	<p>City staff shall provide administrative support to the committee to include preparation of committee agendas, support materials and meeting minutes.</p> <p><u>Staff Members:</u> City Manager (Lead Staff) Deputy City Manager Management Analyst Other staff as assigned</p> <p>Other individuals, including, staff, consultants and/or technical experts may be invited to attend meetings to provide pertinent information, as necessary.</p>