



AGENDA

Legislative Committee

4:30 PM - Wednesday, June 5, 2019

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

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	CALL TO ORDER	4:30 pm
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	APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES	
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	FUTURE MEETING TOPICS	
	2020 Legislative Priorities	
	NEXT MEETING DATE(S)	
	TBD <i>(Note: Draft 2020 priorities are tentatively scheduled for presentation to Council on July 16)</i>	
	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.

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MINUTES

Legislative Committee Regular Meeting

4:30 PM - May 1, 2019

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

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

Committee Members Absent:

Council Members Present: Mayor Christie Malchow

Mayor Christie Malchow joined the meeting via teleconference.

Staff Present: 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

Paul Stickney, 22626 NE Inglewood Hill Rd, queried the Committee regarding how housing and density will look in the future, whether it might increase, and whether the Committee would continue to discuss the topic.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

April 17, 2019 Regular Meeting

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

TOPICS

Legislative Update from City Lobbyists

City lobbyists Nick Federici and Luke Esser provided the Committee an update on the City's 2019

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Legislative Priorities.

1. **Salmon Passage Culvert Improvement Grants**
 - a. Funds were received for George Davis Creek and Ebright culverts. For George Davis Creek, \$515,000.00 in funds were received from the Local and Community Projects aka: Member Projects fund and \$722,000.00 in funds were received from the categorical grant from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board. For Ebright Creek, \$352,000.00 in funds were received from the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board. In total, \$1,589,000.00 were acquired this session for "the little red fish."
2. **Accessibility**
 - a. No additional funding was received this session for Issaquah Fall City Road Improvements. From the limited transportation funding available, Senator Mullet helped secure funds to improve Tiger Mountain during this session. The lobbyists plan to work with him next session to obtain funding for Issaquah Fall City Road Improvements.
3. **Ending the Double Taxation of Annexed Park District Areas**
 - a. House Bill (HB) 2044 passed unanimously in house and also passed in the Senate. It will go into effect 90 days after end of legislative session. If enough signatures are gathered, a measure may be put on the ballot as soon as late 2019 if the Council desires. If such a measure were passed, deannexation could go into effect December 31 the year in which the vote is taken.
4. **Metro Monopoly Lifted**
 - a. Regarding support for public transit options, the Committee queried the lobbyists on Representative Springer's proposed car tabs measure. The lobbyists suggested circling back with chair of Sound Transit later in year. They reported that Representative Springer and Goodman and Senator Dhingra may be sympathetic to the cause as their constituents also suffer from traffic on the north end of Sammamish.
 - b. HB 1957, concerning the use of park and ride lots by private employer transportation service vehicles, stalled this year. King County Metro opposed the bill. The lobbyists suggested that the Committee brainstorm potential partners who would be in favor of the bill, such as Claudia Balducci.
5. **Condominium Liability Reforms**
 - a. Senate Bill (SB) 5334 passed and was signed by the Governor.
6. **Housing Bill Updates**
 - a. Both ADU bills (SB 5812 and HB 1797) failed partially because the policies surrounding density were controversial.
 - b. HB 1923, which sought to increase urban residential building capacity, was approved with incentives rather than requirements. There was a last minute attempt to revert back to mandatory requirements before approval, but they remained optional.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Prepare for 2020 Legislative Priorities

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

TBD - Every-other week Regular Meetings for lobbyist updates to be canceled. Monthly meetings with lobbyists to prepare for 2020 Legislative Priorities to commence June 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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Memorandum

Date: May 31, 2019
To: Legislative Committee
From: Mike Sugg, Sr. Management Analyst
Subject: Preliminary Discussion on 2020 Legislative Priorities

On May 1, 2019, the Legislative Committee met to recap the outcomes of the 2019 State legislative session. Building on the successes of this year, the Committee decided their next step would be to begin brainstorming strategies for 2020.

On June 5, 2019, the Legislative Committee will meet with the City's lobbyists to discuss potential priorities to pursue during the upcoming 2020 legislative session. Staff has included the City's 2019 legislative priorities in the meeting packet for reference.

The Committee's goal is to develop a draft list of priorities to present to the full City Council for consideration. Staff has tentatively scheduled this presentation, and an update from the City lobbyists, for **July 16**.

City of Sammamish

2019 Legislative Priorities



Salmon Passage Culvert Improvement Grants

Many culverts in the City and across the state were designed in a way that created barriers for fish passage. Extensive scientific research has confirmed that these culverts are harmful to fish and that significant benefits are realized when they are replaced using modern design standards and the latest construction techniques. The City requests **\$1.30 million** in grant funding for the following projects, both of which are identified in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed (WRIA 8) Four Year Work Plan:

George Davis Creek Culvert Improvements (\$500K)

Removal of two fish passage barriers, which will open up access to over 0.5 mile of newly accessible, undeveloped, ideal habitat for kokanee salmon.

Project Estimate: \$3.5M | Budgeted: \$2.45M | Needed: \$1.05M | Requested from State: \$500K

Ebright Creek Culvert Improvements (\$800K)

Removal of a partial fish passage barrier. This creek is one of three remaining primary streams in which native Lake Sammamish kokanee have been observed.

Project Estimate: \$2.0M | Budgeted: \$350K | Needed: \$1.65M | Requested from State: \$800K

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Accessibility

Roads: Sammamish inherited a backlog of rural infrastructure upon incorporation in 1999. Updating rural roads into urban streets has become a top priority of the City as regional growth strains capacity. To assist with improvements, the City requests **\$1.35 million** in funding for the following transportation project:

Issaquah-Fall City Road Improvements (\$1.35M)

Improve traffic flow and add multimodal improvements (e.g. bike lanes). This road serves multiple jurisdictions and acts as a link between I-90 and SR 202.

Project Estimate: \$26.0M | Budgeted: \$23.3M | Needed: \$2.7M | Requested from State: \$1.35M

Transit: Sammamish is currently scheduled to receive a 200-stall park and ride, with no increase in transit service, as part of ST3. This level of investment is far too low considering the significant tax contribution by city residents. The City requests that the State consider Sammamish's transit needs, including new express bus service and increased bus service to and from the planned light rail stations in Issaquah and Redmond.

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Metro Monopoly Lifted

Nearly 97% of Sammamish workers commute outside of the city for work. Limited public transportation options exist in Sammamish, so most residents are forced to commute in personal cars, exacerbating regional traffic issues. Alternative options are needed, but State regulations limit the City's ability to partner with private sector providers to supplement Metro services. The City requests that the State Legislature take measures to lift the King County Metro/Sound Transit monopoly and amend State law so that public/private partnerships may be formed to provide shuttle services.

Additional priorities supported by the City of Sammamish include:**Ending the double taxation of annexed park district areas**

There is no mechanism in State law allowing unincorporated properties annexed into a city to be removed from park district taxation, even though the municipality is then responsible for providing parks services. This results in double taxation to the homeowner. Ideally this should be treated similarly to annexations from a fire district to a City. The operating property tax levy should shift to the city and any bonded debt should remain with the property until extinguished.

Condominium Liability Reform

The current regulatory environment for condominium construction in Washington state places significant liability on builders, making it prohibitively costly to bring condominiums to market at an affordable price point. The City supports condominium liability reform to remove obstacles for constructing this affordable housing type.

The City strongly encourages the State Legislature to also support the priorities identified by:

- Association of Washington Cities (AWC)
- Sound Cities Association (SCA)
- Eastside Human Services Forum (EHSF)
- Eastside Transportation Partnership (ETP)