



## AGENDA

### City Council Study Session

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6:30 PM - Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Council Chambers, Sammamish, WA

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Estimated  
Time

#### CALL TO ORDER

6:30 pm

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

*Note: This is an opportunity for the public to address the Council. Three-minutes limit per person or five-minutes if representing the official position of a recognized community organization. If you would like to show a video or PowerPoint, it must be submitted or emailed by 5 pm, the end of the business day, to the City Clerk, Melonie Anderson at [manderson@sammamish.us](mailto:manderson@sammamish.us). Please be aware that Council meetings are videotaped and available to the public.*

#### TOPICS

7:00 pm

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1. **Interviews:** Commission applicants
2. **Discussion:** Legislative Priorities for 2018  
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#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – IF NECESSARY

#### ADJOURNMENT

10:00 pm

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# Agenda Bill

City Council Study Session  
January 09, 2018



<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Discussion: Legislative Priorities for 2018	
<b>DATE SUBMITTED:</b>	January 03, 2018	
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager's Office	
<b>NEEDED FROM COUNCIL:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Informational	
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Discuss priorities.	
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	<a href="#">1. Exhibit 1 - Resolution</a>	
<b>BUDGET:</b>		
Total dollar amount	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Approved in budget</b>
Fund(s)	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Budget amendment required</b>
Line Item(s)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No budgetary impact</b>
<b>WORK PLAN FOCUS AREAS:</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Safety	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications & Engagement	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Livability	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High Performing Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Culture & Recreation	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Health & Protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Sustainability	

## ISSUE BEFORE COUNCIL:

What are the City's legislative priorities for 2018?

## KEY FACTS AND INFORMATION SUMMARY:

Each year, the City Council considers and adopts legislative priorities that contain issues the City desires to advocate for during the subsequent State legislative session. These legislative priorities help to provide the City with the direction and focus needed to influence legislation on the State level for the benefit of Sammamish citizens. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to allow the Council to discuss the priorities in the attached Resolution (Exhibit 1). Staff will incorporate feedback heard during the meeting and prepare a final version for adoption on the January 16, 2018 consent agenda.

The City has an interest in influencing the development and amendment of state laws that affect the provision of City services, the construction of City facilities, and the associated revenues and costs. The City's legislative priorities for 2018 were developed to reflect the needs and interests of the residents

and businesses in Sammamish. Once approved by the City Council, the City Manager will communicate the legislative priorities and interests to State legislators and make the document available to other interested parties.

Please note that the City also participates in the development of priorities for other groups, such as the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and the Sound Cities Association (SCA). Both of these groups represent the interests of Washington cities, and their priorities have been referenced in the City's list.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**OTHER ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

N/A

**RELATED CITY GOALS, POLICIES, AND MASTER PLANS:**

N/A

**CITY OF SAMMAMISH  
WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. R2018-\_\_\_\_\_**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH CITY  
COUNCIL ADOPTING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2018**

WHEREAS, the City of Sammamish has an interest in influencing the development and amendment of state laws that affect the provision of City services, the construction of City facilities, and the associated revenues and costs; and

WHEREAS, to provide City services and facilities in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, the City of Sammamish should communicate its priorities and interests to state legislators and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) and the Sound Cities Association (SCA) have established legislative priorities for 2018 and that the City supports their priorities; and

WHEREAS, the legislative priorities attached to this Resolution reflect the needs and interests of the residents and businesses in the City of Sammamish, and further support the AWC and SCA priorities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

The legislative priorities described in “Attachment A”: City of Sammamish Legislative Priorities for 2018” are hereby adopted. The City Manager shall provide these priorities to legislators in Legislative Districts 41 and 45 prior to the start of the 2018 session and to other interested parties upon request.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A SPECIAL MEETING THEREOF ON  
THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF JANUARY, 2018.**

CITY OF SAMMAMISH

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Mayor Christie Malchow

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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Melonie Anderson, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Michael R. Kenyon, City Attorney

Filed with the City Clerk:  
Passed by the City Council:  
Resolution No.:

## City of Sammamish Legislative Priorities for 2018

### City Priorities

**Support Liquor Tax Restoration:** *The City continues to support AWC efforts to ensure that suspension of liquor excise taxes going to local governments remains temporary (not permanent) and is not further reduced.*

**Support Marijuana Tax Expansion:** *State law currently prohibits the distribution of marijuana excise taxes to jurisdictions that prohibit the siting of marijuana businesses. Those jurisdictions, however, still share the burden of increased police enforcement and education resulting from the sale of marijuana. Therefore, the City supports expanding State law to allow for the distribution of marijuana taxes to jurisdictions that prohibit the siting of marijuana businesses.*

**Support Legislation to Ensure Reliable Cost Recovery for Upfront SEPA Work:** *The City supports legislation that would allow local governments to fully recover SEPA review costs for infill development and planned actions via a latecomer's agreement or other mechanisms.*

**Support for the Public Works Assistance Account (Trust Fund):** *The PWTF has served as a recurring and integral source of funding infrastructure for cities. Funding for the Public Works Trust Fund has been systematically diverted by the State to fill their budget shortfalls. The diminished pool's funding process and project ranking criteria set by the PWTF Committee should be used to set the project list for funding rather than an executive or legislative list. Adequate and sustainable funding should be allocated for this program or an alternate to support critical transportation infrastructure needs.*

**Support the Marketplace Fairness Act:** *The City supports the Marketplace Fairness Act to ensure that tax is collected on goods entering the state and that Washington-based businesses are protected from competitors using tax-free pricing.*

**Annexation of Areas having Park Districts:** *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. Operating property tax levy should shift to the city and any bonded debt should remain with the property until extinguished.*

**Reduce Unfunded Mandates:** *As an example, the costs to ratepayers and taxpayers to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements are substantial. Additionally, the City supports efforts to restore funding cuts previously made to Growth Management Act (GMA) planning grants.*

**Support Transportation Funding Addressing City Transportation Needs:** *This includes focused improvements to City transportation corridors, including SR-202, and continued support for regional improvements to I-90, SR-520 and I-405. Transportation is critical for our economic vitality and quality of life. Cities must have the resources to maintain and strengthen both local and state transportation systems.*

## Attachment A

**Support 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.*

**Support Funding for Fish Passage Culvert Improvements:** *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. Expanded grant funding is needed to construct these critical fish passage culvert improvements.*

**Support Increased Access to a Variety of Transportation Options:** *The City supports increased and equitable access to a variety of transportation types and technologies and encourages consideration of unique solutions from the public, private and non-profit sectors.*

### **Association of Washington Cities Legislative Priorities**

**The City of Sammamish strongly encourages the State Legislature to support the legislative priorities identified by the Association of Washington Cities:**

- Strengthen city tools to address housing conditions in our communities
- Direct funds to mental health, chemical dependency and social safety net programs
- Enhance economic Development tools and programs that foster business development in cities
- Preserve state-shared revenues with cities and increase law enforcement training funds

### **Sound Cities Association Legislative Priorities**

**The City of Sammamish also strongly encourages the State Legislature to support the legislative priorities identified by the Sound Cities Association:**

- Adjust the property tax cap
- Invest in public health services
- Address the housing and homelessness crisis