



**CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND**

**CITY COUNCIL ADVANCE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017**

MEETING MINUTES

1. OVERVIEW OF MEETING AGENDA – 8:35 AM

Facilitator Patrick Ibarro of The Mejarando Group provided an overview of the day's agenda.

Mayor Tollefson, Deputy Mayor Peltier and Councilmembers Roth, Scott and Townsend were present. Councilmember Blossom arrived at 9:05 am. Councilmember Medina arrived at 10:00 AM.

City staff in attendance were City Manager Schulze, Deputy City Manager Smith, City Attorney Levan, Finance Director Schroer, Public Works Director Loveless, Planning & Community Development Director Christensen, Human Resource Manager Brown, Police Chief Hamner, and City Clerk Brown.

2. GOVERNING EFFECTIVELY – 8:42 AM

Facilitator Ibarra examined the various dimensions essential to governing effectively. The areas specifically identified were civic engagement and citizen participation, services, and capital improvements. Council discussed the role and importance of the media.

3. GOVERNANCE – 8:55 AM

Council and Facilitator Ibarra discussed the role of the Mayor, Councilmembers, the City Manager, staff, and the community.

4. “HOT” TOPICS – 9:47 AM.

Council discussed items identified by Councilmembers prior to the meeting as hot topics. These include:

- a) Policy related
 - 1) Comprehensive Plan update
 - 2) Police Station
 - 3) Island Power
 - 4) Regulating AirBNB and VRBO – nexus with affordable housing, condominimizing ADUs
- b) Fiscal/Budgetary 10:15 AM
 - 1) Funding for community arts and human services groups.
- c) Development-related 10:17 AM
 - 1) Comprehensive Plan revisions - implementation

- 2) Affordable/Workforce housing
 - 3) Suzuki property
 - 4) Converting ADUs into condominiums
 - 5) Ferry District
- d) Infrastructure: 10:36 AM
- 1) Transportation Benefit District
 - 2) Town Square
 - 3) Downtown Parking
 - 4) Funding for Waterfront dock
 - 5) Highway 305 Corridor Study
 - 6) STO Trail
- e) Efficient City Government 10:46 AM
- 1) Transparency
 - 2) Timing on when items are presented to Mayor and Council

5. **"HEADWINDS: CHANGE AS A PROCESS, NOT AN EVENT" – 11:10 AM**

Facilitator Ibarra identified trends from 2014, 2015 and 2016. Council identified the following current headwinds:

- Change in federal administration
- Housing affordability
- Development
- Taxes
- Environmental issues
- Civil rights
- Paralysis of state government (education)
- Fiscal pressures
- Growth.

6. **"TAILWINDS: THE CITY'S EVOLVING ROLE AS A COMMUNITY BUILDER" – 11:23 AM.**

Council examined their past, present and future role as a community builder and identified the following elements:

- Civility and cooperation
- Leadership
- Visionary
- Catalyst for change
- Proactive in shaping of Bainbridge Island.

7. FUTURE POTENTIAL – 11:34 AM

Council and Facilitator Ibarra discussed the question “What does the City of Bainbridge Island want to be the best at?” The list includes:

- Promoting a sustainable community
- High standards of open, ethical government
- High level of trust and good relationships with citizens
- Prudent fiscal management
- Recruit candidates for office and have contested elections
- Emergency preparedness.

Council and Facilitator Ibarra discussed the question “What are the best indicators of effectiveness?” Indicators listed include:

- Citizen feedback
- Information
- Judgement
- Desirable community
- Well-functioning policies
- Low crime rate
- Traffic statistics
- Consistent performance on city responsibilities
- Desirable initiatives.

8. ROLE OF PRIORITY BASED-BUDGETING - 11:51 AM

This was a quick check in on how the process is helping prioritize resources to deliver services and programs.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch from 12:00 to 12:50 PM.

9. STRATEGIC PLAN – 12:50 PM.

Council, working with Facilitator Ibarra, identified the following items for the 2017 Council priority list and then prioritized them by quarter:

Prioritize Implementing Actions from Comprehensive Plan – Q1
Island Center subarea planning process - Q1
Police and Court Facility – Q1
Suzuki Property - Q1
Groundwater management plan – (ETAC)
Options for code enforcement – Q2
Affordable Housing task force – Q3
2nd phase of LID implementation and site assessment development permit
Town Square and Transportation Bond - Q1
Island Power
Business/Industrial Zoning - Q1
SR 305 Transportation Planning - Q2-4
SMP General Limited Amendments - Q1-4
Air BNB and VRBO regulations - Q3 with affordable housing

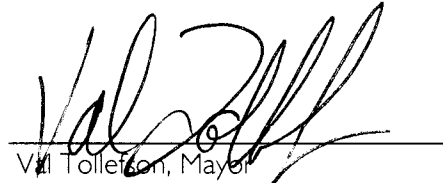
ADU condominimizing - Q3 with affordable housing
Ferry District Redevelopment -- on Executive work plan; medium priority
Use of Annual Cultural Element Funding - Q1-2
Emergency Preparedness - Underway
Coordinate with other entities on community debt -- Ongoing
Sewer and SSWM study -- UAC
Sign Ordinance

10. WRAP-UP AND NEXT STEPS

The meeting ended at 3:23 pm.



Christine Brown, City Clerk



Val Tollefson, Mayor