



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Peltier called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Mayor Tollefson, Deputy Mayor Peltier and Councilmembers Blossom, Medina, Roth, Townsend, and Scott were present.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL OR MODIFICATION/CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mayor Tollefson moved and Councilmember Scott seconded to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously, 7-0. There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - 7:02 PM

Doug Rauh spoke against public power.

Charles Keating spoke against the prospect of a municipal electric utility.

Ted Jones thanked Council for undertaking the study and continuing the process.

Richard Potter spoke against a municipal electric utility.

Janice Silva asked Council to discontinue the proposal.

Steve Johnson spoke in favor of creating a municipal electric utility.

David Johnson spoke about the process in proceeding with a municipal electric utility.

Charlie Wenzlau expressed concerns about the site assessment review process.

Jonathan Davis expressed concerns about the site assessment review process.

Dave Henry spoke against raising car tab rates and non-profit organizations.

Kevin Fetterly spoke about the costs of a municipal electric utility.

Randal Samstag spoke about the benefits of a municipal electric utility.

Fran Korten spoke in favor of continuing the process.

Roger Belieu spoke against a municipal electric utility.

David Murray spoke against a municipal electric utility.

David Korten spoke about the importance of controlling our own resources.

Rob Avery urged the City to share information on, and promote the use of, solar energy.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Process after Presentation of the Municipal Electric Utility Feasibility Study, AB 15-183 – Executive 7:42 PM

City Manager Schulze asked Council to discuss the process once the Feasibility Study is presented to Council. Council will discuss the process further once the final report is received.

Public Comment

David Schutz, member of the task force, said the final report may not be available in May.

Sharmila Swenson spoke on behalf of Puget Sound Energy and said they are committed to meet the community's needs and priorities.

Patti Dusbabek spoke in favor of wind and solar energy and against public power.

B. Requirements for Proposed Development to Provide Transportation Improvements, AB 17-027 – Public Works 8:04 PM

Public Works Director Loveless introduced the topic of frontage improvement requirements. Council discussed the requirements and provided direction to require right-of-way dedication but eliminate requirements for frontage improvements for single family residential in a non-urban area.

Public Comment

Kevin Fetterly spoke about the need for bike lanes.

Robert Dashiell spoke about issues relating to dedication of right-of-way.

C. Discussion of Car Tab Rate, Qualifying Projects for Transportation Benefit District Funds and Potential Levy Lid Lift, AB 17-020 – Finance 8:34 PM

Finance Director Schroer provided a presentation on the Transportation Benefit District, car tab rate options and resulting revenue, a potential levy lid lift, and a potential ballot timeline for November. Council discussed the topic. Mayor Tollefson asked for a timeline for a February ballot.

D. Ordinance No. 2017-03 (Formerly Ordinance No. 2016-34), Creating a New Bainbridge Island Municipal Code Chapter 15.19, Site Assessment Review, AB 16-157 – Public Works and

Planning 8:50 PM

Public Works Director Loveless introduced the ordinance and provided information on the public process. Council discussed the ordinance.

Public Comment

Charlie Wenzlau said he was encouraged by the revisions.

Jon Quitslund spoke about the importance of site assessments.

Nina Cousins expressed concerns about the requirements and the language in the ordinance.

Jonathan Davis expressed concerns about the resulting increased cost of projects.

MOTION: I move that the City Council schedule a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2017-03 to be held on April 11, 2017.

Tollefson/Medina: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

Deputy Mayor Peltier adjourned the meeting for a ten-minute break at 9:16 PM. Deputy Mayor Peltier reconvened the meeting at 9:26 PM. The discussion on creation of a Climate Change Action Committee, Item 5(B), was moved up on the agenda to accommodate audience interest.

B. Discussion of Creation of Climate Change Action Committee, AB 17-047 – Mayor Tollefson 9:27 PM

Mayor Tollefson introduced the topic for discussion.

Public Comment

Herb Hethcote spoke in favor of creating a committee.

Erika Shriner spoke about the importance of addressing climate change at the local level.

Mike Kelly thanked Council for moving forward on creating the committee.

Mike Cox spoke in favor of creating a committee and the level of expertise on the Island.

Jay Hart spoke about the need to lead on this topic.

Robert Dashiell asked Council to consider combining this committee with the Environmental Technical Advisory Committee or Kitsap County.

Gary Lagerloef spoke about educating the public on the science and data behind climate change.

Council discussed creation of a committee or task force and development of a charter for the committee. Councilmember Medina agreed to draft a proposed charter and outline for the committee for further discussion on a future agenda.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 2017-08 Amending the Fee Schedule to Add a Fee for Site Assessment Review, AB 17-051 – Public Works and Planning 10:03 PM

Public Works Director Loveless introduced the resolution to set the site assessment fee.

MOTION: I move that Resolution No. 2017-08 be forwarded to the April 11, 2017, business meeting agenda, under unfinished business.

Medina/Scott: The motion carried unanimously, 7-0.

B. Workplan for Implementing Actions Taken from the Comprehensive Plan, AB 17-045 – Executive 10:04 PM

Deputy City Manager Smith provided a presentation organizing implementing actions into clusters and asked for Council input.

Public Comment

Robert Dashiell asked Council to look at identifying other high priority actions.

Due to the late hour, Council opted to continue the discussion at a future meeting.

6. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Debrief of Comprehensive Plan Update Process, AB 15-108 – Mayor Tollefson 10:26 PM

Due to the late hour, Council opted to move this item to a future meeting.

7. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - 10:27 PM

Councilmember Townsend shared feedback he has heard from business owners following the recent business/industrial discussions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Peltier adjourned the meeting at 10:28 PM.



Val Tollefson, Mayor



Christine Brown, City Clerk