



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018

ADVANCE MEETING MINUTES

1. OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S MEETING AGENDA

The meeting began at 8:09 a.m. Mayor Medina, Deputy Mayor Blossom, and Councilmembers Deets, Peltier, Nassar, Tirman, and Scott were present. Facilitator Patrick Ibarra reviewed the day's agenda.

2. IDENTIFY AND DISCUSS BENEFITS FROM GOOD GOVERNMENT – 8:12 AM

Facilitator Ibarra led a group discussion about the benefits of good government. The following benefits were identified:

- In line with community
- Safe, well-functioning
- Listens to people; people feel listened to
- Coalesce around common goal or vision
- Accountable to community
- Good decisions are made
- Governance principles in Comprehensive Plan
- Determine what to do; unique purpose
- Trust and faith by the public
- Unity
- Better community
- Achieve community's goals and maintain its values
- Metric and process

3. ENHANCING CREDIBILITY AS A GOVERNING BODY – 8:34 AM

Facilitator Ibarra reviewed the seven factors which enhance credibility: results achieved, employees, fiscal/budgetary, services, citizens, capital improvements, and political.

4. STRATEGIES FOR CREATING A MORE CREDIBLE, EFFECTIVE GOVERNING BODY – 9:00 AM

Facilitator Ibarra examined the various dimensions essential to ensure sufficient credibility by residents in the governing body.

Council discussed and agreed upon norms for Council interactions:

- Disagree without being disagreeable
- Don't question others' beliefs
- Respect other person's beliefs
- Be considerate of others while at public meetings
- Exercise mutual respect

The meeting was adjourned for a break at 9:40 a.m. and re-convened at 10:00 a.m. Council discussed social media.

5. REFRESHER ON THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT - 10:33 AM

Facilitator Ibarra provided information on the Council-Manager form of government, and Council discussed the following roles:

Role of Mayor

- Run meeting
- Leader
- Collaborator
- Sets agenda
- Helps Council function well
- Sets the tone

Role of Councilmembers

- Policymakers
- Liaison to residents
- Implements policy
- Approves ordinances
- Sets the direction and manages the City Manager
- Utilizes a menu from which to make choices

Role of City Manager

- Executes policy
- Serves as CEO
- Manages staff
- Liaison to community

Role of City staff members

- Serve as experts

Role of community

- Pay attention
- Educate yourself
- Provide expertise

6. UPDATE ON 2017 WORK PLAN – 10:50 AM

Council discussed progress to date on the work plan.

7. “OUR WORK PLAN”

Using the current work plan as the starting point, the group identified potential items for the 2018 work plan:

- Infrastructure Ballot Measure/Parking Study – Q2
- Comprehensive Plan Implementation (Critical Areas Ordinance, affordable housing, subdivision and design guidelines) – Q1-4
- Police Station and Municipal Court – Q1
- Suzuki Property
- ADUs
- Affordable Housing Task Force/Inclusionary Zoning – Q3
- Financial Capacity and Community Debt
- Code Enforcement/Sign Code Update
- PBB Visioning Process – 2019 Advance
- Human Services
- Green Building Certification
- STO Complete Plan
- Business/Industrial Zone Update
- Traffic Concurrency

Council adjourned for a lunch break at 11:56 a.m. and re-convened at 12:45 p.m. Council continued their discussion of the 2018 work plan. Council adjourned for a break at 2:15 p.m. and re-convened at 2:28 p.m.

8. “HOT” TOPICS - 2:28 PM

Council discussed the following items identified by Councilmembers prior to the meeting to determine if these items were appropriately included in the work plan:

- Critical Areas Ordinance
- Subdivision development
- Shoreline Master Plan
- Solar Access Ordinance
- Budgeting process
- Comprehensive Plan implementation
- Affordable/Workforce housing
- Suzuki Property
- Police Station
- Transportation
- Traffic concurrency
- Agenda setting process
- Communication protocols through City Manager

9. PRIORITIZING

Council went through a process of identifying its top priorities for completion in 2018 and identified the following:

- Implement Comprehensive Plan (7 votes)
- Move forward with Police Station (6 votes)
- Infrastructure Ballot Measure (5 votes)
- Affordable Housing (4 votes)
- Inclusionary Zoning (4 votes)
- Code Enforcement (4 votes)
- Green Building Certification (3 votes)
- Traffic Concurrency (3 votes)
- Financial Capacity (2 votes)
- STO Complete Plans (1 vote)
- Suzuki Property (1 vote)

Councilmember Scott left the meeting at 3:34 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.



Kol Medina, Mayor



Christine Brown, City Clerk