CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/RETREAT
FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

BREAKFAST (8:00 AM TO 8:30 AM)

1. INTRODUCTION - 8:30 AM

Mayor Medina called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

Mayor Medina, Deputy Mayor Schneider, and Councilmembers Blossom, Deets, Nassar, Peltier, and Tirman were present.

Ron Holifield, from Strategic Government Resources, provided an introduction to the session.

2. FEEDBACK FROM COUNCIL CONVERSATIONS / CURRENT THEMES

Ron Holifield discussed feedback from conversations with Council members.

3. OBSERVATIONS ON THE "LIFE CYCLE" OF CITY / COUNCIL GOVERNANCE

- What does a high-functioning Council do?
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- What are the key ingredients, particularly around community engagement?
    - Goal setting & accountability o Financial stewardship (long-range planning)
    - Emphasize Professionalism o
    - Robust communication & transparency
    - Constructive community engagement.

Ron Holifield led the Council in a discussion on Council governance.

4. WHAT COULD COBI DO NEXT TO MOVE UP THE GOVERNANCE CURVE

- Set citywide goals and metrics (in progress)
- Shift calendar to provide Council input ahead of budget (planned for March 2020)
- Consider new approach to community engagement
    - Citizen's Academy
    - Task Force Model vs. Standing Committees

Ron Holifield provided a presentation on building trust through citizen engagement.

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5. How Do We Get There? - "Path" and "Math"

- Considerations for Citizen Engagement
  - What committees are required?
  - What could happen next?
- What resources are needed to make this initiative sustainable (engagement & communication)
- What is feasible given financial forecasts?

Council discussed each citizen advisory committee and the format of the committees.

6. Sharing the "Why" – City Goals and Metrics (Second Draft)

Council discussed City goals.

7. WRAP-UP/ADJOURN

Mayor Medina adjourned the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Kol Medina, Mayor

Kelly Jahraus, Deputy City Clerk