

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items May 5, 2015

6:00 p.m. Transportation Benefit District Board Meeting:

CANCELLED

7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting:

- Presentation of appreciation of service on Economic Development Committee for Laura Scott and Josh Scott
- Presentation of Proclamation of Snohomish Garden Club's 80th Anniversary
- Presentation of Snohomish County Tourism Bureau Annual Report
- Action to pass Resolution 1327 regarding Resolution of Intent for Metropolitan Parks District
- Action to approve ballot statement for Metropolitan Parks District
- Action to approve pro and con statement committees for Metropolitan Parks District
- Discussion regarding Economic Development & Transportation Elements briefing

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

Volunteers Sought for MPD Ballot Statement Committees

The City of Snohomish City Council is interested in hearing from citizens who want to volunteer to be members of committees to develop arguments in favor or in opposition to a ballot measure being considered by the City Council to ask voters to decide if a Metropolitan Parks District (MPD) should be established in the City. If approved by the voters, the MPD would be governed by a board composed of the elected members of the City Council. The MPD Board would have authority to approve an initial property tax levy in the range of zero cents to seventy-five cents per \$1,000 of real property Assessed Valuation (AV). The tax revenue would be allocated by the MPD Board to fund parks maintenance and/or parks capital improvements.

The City Council is responsible under state law to appoint both pro and con committees that would draft statements for the August 4, 2015, Voters Pamphlet. The pro committee would be asked to write a statement in favor of the measure, and the con committee would be asked to write a statement opposed to the measure. By state law, the committees are limited to three citizens each. However, the committees may draw on the expertise of others in developing their ballot statements.

Any statements to be written by the pro and con committees will be submitted to and due to the County Auditor's Office by May 22, 2015. Both pro and con committees will also be afforded an opportunity to write rebuttal statements in response to the statements submitted by the other committee, and these rebuttal statements must be submitted to the County Auditor's Office by May 27, 2015. Statements have a 250 word limit, and rebuttals are limited to 75 words. Both the initial ballot statements and rebuttals may be rejected by the County Elections Division if they contain obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous, or defamatory language.

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The City Council is scheduled to review the submitted names of potential committee members and to approve the composition of the committees as part of its May 5, 2015, regular meeting, which will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Gilbertson Board Room of the Snohomish School District Resources and Services Center, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish.

If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please send an email or a letter indicating your interest and availability to volunteer for the pro or con committee (please indicate on which committee you would seek to serve); all submissions must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 27, 2015, sent to:

Torchie Corey, City Clerk
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City of Snohomish
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Snohomish, WA 98290

2015 Calendar:

***No Meetings
Scheduled
Next Week***