

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

April 19, 2016

6:00 Council Workshop

Financial Management Policy
Updates – Expenditure Section

7:00 Regular Meeting

- Presentation of Snohomish County Tourism Bureau's annual report
- Action to adopt Resolution 1344 placing an advisory measure on the General Election ballot banning fireworks sales and discharge

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>

2016 Calendar:

Public Safety Commission

Tuesday, April 12
Regular Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Fire District 4 Training Annex
1525 Avenue D

Design Review Board

Wednesday, April 13
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
116 Union Avenue

Snohomish earns “WellCity” Award for Sixth Straight Year

City employees worked together for the sixth straight year to achieve the “WellCity” Award that provides a 2 percent reduction in premium costs for employee medical insurance benefits in 2017.

For 2016 the 2 percent discount means a budget savings of \$13,488. The 2017 savings will be calculated on what the new premium costs will be for medical insurance benefits purchased through the Association of Washington Cities (AWC). The AWC provides lower benefit rates for its members by negotiating with providers on behalf of this large group, which represents most of the state's cities.

The AWC Employee Benefit Trust's annual WellCity Awards recognize members that meet nine best practice standards for employee health promotion. Only members of the AWC Employee Benefit Trust are eligible to apply for the award. This includes cities, towns, and non-city public agencies in Washington State.

Snohomish employees have formed a Wellness Committee that promotes healthier lifestyle choices. Events and programs organized throughout the year encourage better nutrition, fitness and overall well being among the staff of the City with the aim of improving health and lowering demands for medical services.

Applicants Sought for Ad Hoc Parks Naming Committee

The City is requesting citizen participation in its ad hoc Parks Naming Committee. The Naming Committee will be responsible for recommending names to City Council for existing park properties. If you wish to apply for the ad hoc Parks Naming Committee, complete the application by clicking on this link: <http://snohomishWA.gov>. The application deadline for this committee is **May 9, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact Denise Johns, City of Snohomish Project Manager at johns@snohomishWA.gov or (360) 282-3195.

April 8, 2016

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Planning Director Recruitment Begins

Clay White Selected as Interim Director



Interim Planning Director Clay White

A broad recruitment has begun to find a new Planning Director for Snohomish to replace Owen Dennison, who resigned effective April 6 to take a position with the Town of Coupeville.

Mr. Dennison served the citizens of Snohomish for 10 years in capacities as Senior Planner, Planning Manager and Planning Director. He was highly praised by the City Council at the April 5 meeting during which the Council approved a contract for recruiting a new director.

At the same time, the City Council has also approved a contract to hire Clay White as the City's Interim Planning Director while the search for a permanent replacement continues this spring. Mr. White is the former Director of the Snohomish County Planning and Development Services Department and has also worked in planning or engineering departments for Stevens County, Kittitas County and the cities of Vancouver and Black Diamond.

The Prothman Company (<http://www.prothman.com/>), a northwest firm specializing in public sector recruitments will conduct the search for a new Planning Director. The schedule currently calls for a selection to be made potentially in June.

Recruitments of local government managers have become more difficult in recent years as the combination of a strong economy, low unemployment rates and retirements of "baby boomer" generation employees has created higher job vacancy rates as well as a shortage of experienced employees for promotions and recruitments.

The recruitment of a new director will concentrate efforts within Washington but also include the Pacific Northwest and beyond in order to attract applicants. Four positions make up City's Planning and Development Services Department, including the director, a senior planner, building official/fire marshal and permit coordinator. This department processes all development related permit applications, reviews and approves historic area and public project designs, inspects construction projects for building code compliance and drafts long range planning policies, relevant code changes, Comprehensive Plan amendments and similar community development programs.

Celebrate the Acquisition of the Centennial Trail Southern Extension

On Saturday, April 16th at 10am at the Hal Moe site at 403 3rd Street in Snohomish, please join County Executive Dave Somers, the Snohomish County Council, the Port of Seattle, Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board and Conservation Futures Advisory Board, the City of Snohomish, and local stakeholders in celebrating the signing of the purchase and sale agreement for the acquisition of the Centennial Trail southern extension. This 12 mile rail-with-trail corridor extends south of the City of Snohomish to Woodinville and provides Snohomish County ownership of more than 42 miles of regional trail. *See flyer on back page*

Open Government Committee

Third Meeting 5 p.m., April 18 at Snohomish Senior Center

The third meeting of the City's Open Government Committee will be held Monday, April 18, and is expected to focus its discussions about specific recommendations for improving two-way citizen communications and engagement. The agenda and materials for the meeting may be found at the link below:

<http://snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/Ad-Hoc-Open-Government-Committee-10/?#03072016-579>

Among the committee's key objectives for the April 18 meeting will be to review 11 draft recommendations that ultimately will be reviewed for approval by the City Council this summer.

This group was created by the City Council to address the concerns of citizens who said they believed that City communications and engagement programs were insufficient to keep all citizens well informed about and involved in key local government decisions.

The objective of the selection process for the new committee was to achieve the broadest possible diversity of the committee members in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, geographic location and background. The citizens selected as committee members are:

- Carroll Brown
- Tom Merrill
- Paulette Norman
- Gary Ferguson
- Mary Dessen
- Adrian Duran
- Braden Sigua
- Meagan Gray
- Colleen Dunlap

All meetings are being held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Snohomish Senior Center, 506 Fourth Street in Snohomish. A facilitator conducts the meetings to ensure effective participation and achieving the group's goals. Time is provided at the end of each meeting for citizens not on the committee to offer their comments and suggestions for how the City may improve citizen communications and engagement.

Meeting dates scheduled after the April 18 meeting will be:

- May 9
- June 13

Final recommendations of the Committee are expected to be sent to the City Council by July 2016.

City of Snohomish Annual Garbage and Recycle Drop off Event

It's time for the **City of Snohomish Annual Garbage and Recycle Drop off Event**. City of Snohomish utility customers can recycle and dispose of unwanted household items at the City's annual Household Cleanup Event. The event will be held at the City shop facilities at 1801 First Street. Bring your utility bill or a driver's license to confirm residency.

Event Information

Date: April 9, 2016

Time: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Location: 1801 First Street
(City Public Works Yard)**

Clean up your yard and clean out your garage, basement, extra room, or any other area that needs some sprucing up!



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Items that will be accepted are:

- Household garbage
- Yard waste
- Furniture
- Scrap metal

Items that cannot be accepted are:

- Tires
- Concrete, masonry products (bricks, pavers), rocks
- Sheetrock
- Household hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, cleaners, thinners, aerosol cans, automotive fluids, batteries, fluorescent tubes, etc.)
- Electronics (television, computer, computer monitor, CRTs, separated circuit boards)
- Pharmaceuticals
- Sharps
- Appliances

For more information about solid waste disposal, recycling, waste prevention and hazardous waste programs and options call your garbage hauler or visit the Snohomish County Solid Waste Division web site at <http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/>



CENTENNIAL TRAIL



APRIL 16TH
10 AM

Centennial Trail
HAL MOE POOL
403 3rd Street
Snohomish, WA 98290

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southern extension