

Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

January 19, 2016

6:00 Council Workshop

- Financial Management Policy Update

7:00 Regular Meeting

- Public Hearing to pass Resolution 1336 authorizing the sale of surplus vehicles
- Action to pass park naming policy resolution
- Discussion regarding solid waste contract
- Discussion regarding fees

The agenda list above is partial and tentative. For further information, click here for the City website:
<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/Agenda-Center/City-Council-Agendas-1>

Open Government Committee

Schedule: First Meeting Set for Monday, February 1

The City's Open Government Committee is scheduled to begin its work on Monday, February 1, with a meeting from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Snohomish Senior Center. Citizens are welcome to attend.

The City Council appointed nine citizens to the Committee to provide recommendations on the way in which the City communicates with, and engages, its citizens in the City's policies, plans, programs, and projects.

The group of nine committee members will provide recommendations to the City Council on the ways in which the City can improve its existing communications and engagement programs, as well as additional strategies and techniques the City might employ to ensure that all residents and business owners within Snohomish are fully informed, and involved, in City decision-making.

In conducting its work, the Committee has been asked to:

- Review existing citizen communication and engagement methods currently used by the City.
- Explore best practices in citizen engagement throughout the United States.
- Identify the topical areas in which Snohomish citizens most want to be engaged and informed.
- Identify a range of communications methods and platforms that will provide the most information to the most citizens in a cost-effective manner.
- Develop a set of recommendations for the future of citizen communication and engagement.

All meetings will be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Snohomish Senior Center, at 506 Fourth Street. All meetings will include time for citizens who are not committee members to offer their ideas and comments at the end of each meeting. After February 1st, the Committee will meet:

- March 7
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13

January 15, 2016

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Draft Wireless Communications Regulations

In October of last year, Verizon Wireless withdrew its application for a new cell tower adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club and skate following a hue and cry from members of the community. The proposal, which was the City's first application for a new tower since 2005, served to highlight how outdated the City codes for cell towers and other wireless communication facilities have become. These regulations had been in place with minimal amendment since 1998. The current connected world of cell phones and similar mobile data devices—and the facilities necessary to support them—clearly demands new regulations to match the state of communication technology with the expectations of the community.

Since October, the Planning Commission has been working on a new regulatory approach to address wireless communications facilities. The result of this effort is a draft chapter for the Snohomish Municipal Code. The draft regulations incorporate a hierarchy of preferred forms and locations for new cellular antenna installations. At the higher end of the hierarchy are the less-visible options for locating antennas on existing towers and utility poles, on and within buildings, and concealed within new monopoles in the Business Park and Industrial zones. An applicant is required to demonstrate why less conspicuous methods will not support the functional requirements of proposed new facilities before proposing more conspicuous alternatives.

The proposed regulations incorporate requirements by the Federal Communications Commission that are intended to expedite and facilitate the deployment of new wireless communications infrastructure. While the combination of the federal requirements and the local preference hierarchy results in a fairly lengthy and complex code, the Planning Commission believes that this will best protect the community from detriment to the city's visual character and from legal challenges to its review processes.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft regulations on February 3 at 6:00 pm at the George Gilbertson Boardroom of the Snohomish School District Resource Center, 1601 Avenue D. The draft regulations may be found at the following link: <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2501>. All interested parties are invited to review the draft and submit written comment to City Hall to the attention of Owen Dennison or by email to dennison@snohomishwa.gov. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission is expected to recommend a package of wireless communication code amendments to the City Council.

2016 Calendar:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, January 18
CITY HALL CLOSED

City Council Workshop
Tuesday, January 19
Regular Meeting 6:00 pm
George Gilbertson Boardroom
1601 Avenue D

City Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 19
Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
George Gilbertson Boardroom
1601 Avenue D

<http://ci.snohomish.wa.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01192016-566>
<http://ci.snohomish.wa.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/01192016-565>

Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem Appointed And Councilmembers Selected for Liaisons with City Advisory Boards

On January 5 the City Council re-elected Councilmember Karen Guzak as Mayor and Councilmember Lynn Schilaty as Mayor Pro Tem, both for two-year terms. These are City leadership positions whose duties include chairing the Council meetings, working with intergovernmental agencies and carrying out various ceremonial duties. The Mayor also proposes reappointments or new appointments of members of the City's boards and commissions.

At the same meeting, the City Council also determined liaison positions for Councilmembers who work with the City's various advisory boards and commissions as well as liaisons to key community and regional organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce and Historic Downtown Snohomish. The Councilmember liaison positions established for 2016-17 are as follows:

Planning Commission—Councilmember Tom Hamilton

Design Review Board—Councilmember Zach Wilde

Parks and Recreation Board—Councilmember Derrick Burke

Public Safety Commission—Councilmember Michael Rohrscheib

Economic Development Committee—Councilmembers Lynn Schilaty and Dean Randall

Snohomish Chamber of Commerce—Mayor Karen Guzak

Historic Downtown Snohomish— Councilmember Derrick Burke

Snohomish County Tomorrow Executive Committee—Councilmember Karen Guzak

Community Transit—Councilmember Tom Hamilton



Perfect Year of Environmental Compliance!

Our City's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) had a perfect year in 2015 with zero permit exceedences!

This is the first time this has happened for our City in over 20 years. The Washington State Department of Ecology's online records go back to 1995, the same year our City's current plant configuration was built.

Over a four year period (2006 to 2009), the WWTP had 109 permit exceedences. In contrast, over the last four years (2012 to 2015) since the City installed innovative submerged fixed film (or "Bacteria Hotels") in 2012, the WWTP had only 3 permit exceedences. The innovative fixed film technology, never before used in Washington State, has made an amazing difference. The City will continue to pursue performance improvements to outperform today's strict and demanding permit limits.

We look forward to the City Council Workshop tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, 2016. There we will discuss in more detail on our environmental compliance progress and how this continued advancement provides positive options for future wastewater rates, in particular as Council prepares to set utility rates for 2017, 2018 and 2019 in the coming year.

Special thanks are extended to our plant staff, Duane Leach, Karen Allen and Frank Schorsch, who have done an outstanding job! Their commitment to running our treatment plant 7 days a week and 365 days a year is extraordinary.

City of Snohomish Solid Waste Utility - Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection and Disposal

The City of Snohomish established a solid waste collection and disposal utility in 1985 and mandates collection of solid waste at all residences and businesses located within the city limits per Chapter 8.12 of the Snohomish Municipal Code. For the collection and disposal of solid waste the City entered into a contract with current contractor, Rabanco, LTD aka Republic, in March of 2003, and has periodically extended the contractual agreement to March 31, 2017. Current solid waste contract administration and customer service are provided internally by City staff. Solid waste disposal rates are charged to customers via the combined utility bill which includes water, sewer and storm water charges. With the pending expiration of the solid waste contract, the City Council will begin a review of all issues, aspects and options available for future solid waste collection, disposal and customer services to residents and businesses. One of the most critical components in the upcoming solid waste services discussions will be resident and business owner input. A customer survey is planned and will be included in the next two bi-monthly utility bill cycles. Customers are asked to watch for the survey, complete the survey and return it to City Hall by either including the survey with their utility billing payment, dropping it in the utility bill after-hours drop box or mailing it to City Hall. Survey results will be tallied and feedback will be provided to the City Council and community at a future City Council meeting.

Highlighted Land Use Applications in Process

The applications listed below are currently pending or under review. During the comment period associated with a development proposal, interested parties may submit comments for the project record. For additional information on any of these projects, the project file may be reviewed at City Hall during normal business hours. Staff is also available to respond to questions at the contact information below.

Posey Short Plat (two-lot short plat): 1706 Seventh Street

File #19-15-SP

Complete application determination issued October 6, 2015.

Notice of Application issued October 16, 2015.

Pending Administrative Approval.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Cady Landing Pedestrian Bridge: 40 Maple Avenue

File #21-15-SEPA

Pending SEPA Threshold Determination – **APPLICATION IS ON HOLD**

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Park Avenue North Short Plat (four-lot short plat): 1915 Park Avenue

File #22-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015.

Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015.

Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

Park Avenue South Short Plat (three-lot short plat): 1909 Park Avenue

File #23-15-SP

Complete application determination issued December 16, 2015.

Notice of Application issued December 23, 2015.

Application is currently in review.

More information: Brooke Eidem, Associate Planner, 360-282-3167, eidem@snohomishWA.gov

For a complete list of all land use and development projects currently in review, please visit the City's website. <http://www.snohomishwa.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/2376>