



# Planning & Economic Development Committee Minutes

Thursday September 26, 2019

6:00 PM

SeaTac City Hall – Riverton Room

Members:	Present:	Commence: 6:00 P.M.
		Adjourn: 7:27 P.M.
Joel Wachtel, Chair	<b>X</b>	
Peter Kwon	<b>X</b>	
Stanley Tombs	<b>X</b>	

Other Councilmembers: DM Clyde Hill; Rick Forschler; Pam Fernald

Staff Present: Jennifer Kester, Planning Manager; Aleksandr Yeremeyev, Economic Development Strategist; Tim Ramsaur, Sr. Management Analyst; Mark Johnsen, Sr. Assistant City Attorney

1. Public Comment	Vicky Lockwood requested the MultiFamily Tax Exemption Code sunset clause be shortened from five years to three years.
2. Approval of minutes of 07/26/19	Minutes approved 3-0.
3. NoaNet Broadband Feasibility Assessment	<p><u><b>X</b></u> Discussion</p> <p>Senior Management Analyst Tim Ramsaur explained that the purpose of tonight’s presentation was to brief the committee on the outcome of the NoaNet Broadband Feasibility Assessment and to seek Committee guidance on the desired next steps for staff.</p> <p>Mr. Ramsaur summarized the findings in the report: There was a low response rate to the survey (~ 135 respondents) compared to the outreach effort. 71.5% of residents were satisfied with internet speed; 77.2% were satisfied with reliability; 33.3% were satisfied with price. The report does not recommend a build out of a fiber optic network for residential customers</p>

	<p>since two companies already offer wired internet. The City could consider building a fiber optic backbone for city services, parks and schools.</p> <p>The Committee reviewed the Top Four Recommendations from the assessment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Smart City Deployment – A concept that integrated information and communications technologies, along with physical devices and infrastructure, to optimize the efficiency of city operations and services and to connect to citizens.</li> <li>2. Adopt a Digital Inclusion Initiative – All individuals have an inherent right to access broadband connections; as well as the skills and knowledge to properly leverage them.</li> <li>3. Form Utilities Coordination Council – A council of public works staff and franchise holders for broadband and utility providers to support the growth and development of broadband and support “dig once” initiatives.</li> <li>4. Develop Community Outreach/Communications Strategy – Create or leverage existing programs for senior citizens, those with language barriers, and the City’s low-income population to create skills in or awareness of internet services.</li> </ol> <p>The councilmembers discussed existing work being done in the Public Works department consistent with these recommendations. They noted the educational system and libraries already provide some of these services. They thought there was value in placing conduit when the ROW is opened and connecting city facilities with broadband for disaster preparedness.</p> <p>After discussion, the Committee provided the following direction for each of the four recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Smart City Deployment: Public Works Department should review.</li> <li>2. Adopt a Digital Inclusion Initiative: Do not move forward.</li> <li>3. Form Utility Coordination Council: Have Public Works Department review and report back to the PED Committee.</li> <li>4. Develop Community Outreach/Communication Strategy: Have Kyle Moore, Government Relations and Communication Manager, consider ways to use current outreach methods.</li> </ol>
<p>4. MultiFamily Tax Exemption Code Amendments</p>	<p><u>  X  </u> Recommendation</p> <p>Aleksandr Yeremeyev, Economic Development Strategist reviewed past discussions, noting that staff has prepared draft amendments to SMC 3.85 accordingly. He requested the committee consider the code and forward to the City Council. He asked the committee to consider removing the 5-year sunset clause to provide flexibility for developers.</p> <p>CM Tombs was not in favor of the sunset clause as it is important to the development community to have consistency and predictability in the code.</p> <p>CM Kwon stated he was in favor of the sunset clause.</p> <p>CM Wachtel was in favor of a sunset clause but thought it could be for a longer term.</p> <p>With no other comments from councilmembers, the committee voted to forward to the City Council with a recommendation to pass the amendments as written; 3-0</p>

<p>5. 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendments</p>	<p><u><b>X</b></u> Briefing</p> <p>Planning Manager Jennifer Kester briefed the committee on the 2019 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process. She went over the status of each amendment that was included in the adopted docket. She noted that T-3, the PROS Plan Update, and T-4, the City Center Sub-Area Plan Update, have been withdrawn from the 2019 docket because the draft plans will not be ready in time to meet the 2019 schedule. These will continue into 2020.</p> <p>CM Kwon asked if delaying the PROS Plan would be detrimental to the City's pursuit of grants. Ms. Kester stated that CED has been in close communications with PCPS staff and she did not believe there is a detriment.</p> <p>Councilmembers asked Ms. Kester how staff was handling the comments and questions received at the 9/23 Community Meeting on M-3. Ms. Kester stated that all the comments will be compiled into one document and will be provided as part of the Planning Commission's October 1 meeting packet. She affirmed that the packet will include the staff notes on the listening session portion of the community meeting.</p> <p>CM Fernald asked if the questions that have been submitted by community members will be answered. Ms. Kester said that staff is working to find those answers and intends to distribute them as part of the Planning Commission's review process.</p>
<p>6. City Center Plan Update</p>	<p><u><b>X</b></u> Briefing</p> <p>Planning Manager Jennifer Kester briefed the committee the recent activities undertaken a part of the City Center Plan Update Phase 1 Project. She went over the recent contract amendment and community and stakeholder vision process. She noted that the consultants have completed 10 one-on-one interviews with business and property owners; a focus group with airport workers will occur on September 27; and, a community visioning meeting will occur on October 23. Next steps include a stakeholder charrette in November and a second community meeting in December.</p> <p>CM Wachtel asked for a council briefing of the vision prior to the stakeholder charrette and wanted to make sure staff understood the council did not want any surprises. CM Kwon agreed.</p> <p>Ms. Kester committed to taking that request back to CED Director Pilcher and staff for follow-up.</p>
<p>7. Future Topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maywood neighborhood zoning - Committee asked staff to report back on the nature of this topic.</li> <li>• Small Wireless Facilities</li> </ul>
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	<p>The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.</p>