

STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Public Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability
August 23, 2021

Committee members present in person, phone or video

Council President Breean Beggs, Committee Chair
Council Member Michael Cathcart, Vice Committee Chair
Council Member Lori Kinnear
Council Member Candace Mumm
Council Member Karen Stratton
Council Member Betsy Wilkerson

Council Member Cathcart called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.
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Review and approval of minutes

Council Member Cathcart asked for a motion to approve the minutes of July 26, 2021 meetings.

- **Action taken**
- Council Member Wilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2021 meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Council President Beggs

Discussion items - Items were presented in a different order than reflected in the agenda and minutes.

A. Council Requests

1. Consent items for discussion
2. Legislative update

Erik Poulsen briefed the Committee on a call for public work projects. August is when planning begins for the January session. The state budget has been passed for the 2021-2022 but a smaller supplemental budget will be passed in the new year with many opportunities to secure funding for public works projects and various community projects. It's important to identify funding needs and provide those to Council. The state capital budget provides grants and loans for a variety of projects, facilities and systems.

3. Sustainability Action Plan

Council President Beggs provided a process update for the Sustainability Action Plan including 2.5 year of community driven work, over 20 engagements, 83k utility inserts mailed to City utility customers and 2,100 survey responses. The draft plan will be updated and returned to the Sustainability Action Subcommittee for final

input before the final plan is submitted to Council for consideration in late October. He notes that this plan will be one of the most comprehensive in the country and will be an example for communities across the country. Feedback has been very positive.

4. Parking Kiosk Update

Council President Beggs shared an update on a resolution to set policy that City would install parking kiosks in the downtown retail core as a policy of the City. This conversation has been going for several years. Administration requests Council make a decision although Administration prefers parking meters over kiosks. Their concern being the difficulty of people adapting. Resolution states that all cities moving toward the future in parking are installing kiosks. This particular model would have parking standards and would be available for bikes. The idea is to move people to the parking application in order to increase revenues and reduce labor costs.

5. CPTED Landscape Improvements at Intermodal Center

Jeff Teal presented on a new proposed work scope for CPTED landscape improvements at the Intermodal Center. New work involves more excavating, removing two trees and building a retaining wall with a fence on the top. The original engineering study did not account for the fact it was pinning onto the railroad bridge so adjustments are needed to move forward.

6. SRTC Award Update

Shauna Harshman shared how Council has been working closely with Integrated Capital Management and the City was recently awarded preservation funds of \$700k to complete chip seal on the Maple Ash corridor in addition to \$1 million for a grind and overlay project on Haven Street. This funding was made possible through SRTC and the surface transportation block grant.

B. Staff Requests

1. The Falls LLC Update Developer Agreement

Marlene Fiest briefed this item as an updated developer agreement for the Falls Tower which will be built on the corner of Broadway and Lincoln, the site of the former YMCA. Public Works is adding \$200k for sewer work which will put the sewer into the public right of way. This will allow for a greater benefit to future development along Lincoln.

2. Complete Streets Grant Program

Inga Note briefed an opportunity for the City to apply for a complete streets grant, a program through TIB. Only cities that have adopted a complete streets ordinance are eligible to apply, which the Spokane City Council has done. Must be nominated by a partner agency – Department of Commerce, SRHD, Cascade Bicycle Club. Still evaluating who to work with. Submitted a grant request for \$1 million to

upgrade crosswalk. No local match and application is due in October. City is working on a priority list of locations with feedback from neighborhoods, collision history, number of lanes, proximity to pedestrian generating buildings and transit stops, and equity.

3. Illinois Avenue Protected Bike Lanes

Senior Engineer Kevin Picanco briefed an update on the Illinois Avenue project passed by Council resolution in June 2020, establishing the plan for protected bike lanes on Illinois Avenue from Cincinnati to Market. Planning work continues and survey results were captured. Streets planned a grind and overlay on Illinois from Perry to Market in several phases and over several years starting in 2021. ICM initiated study in 2021 to examine options and participated in a workshop with the Bicycle Advisory Council in May. The initial public meeting occurred in June along with the creation of a project website and public survey. A second public meeting is planned in September 2021. Design options and survey results were discussed.

Strategic Plan Session

A. Priority Strategy 1. Rapidly accelerating street pavement maintenance projects

- No report for this meeting.

B. Priority Strategy 2. Repurposing public property to stimulate private investment

- No report for this meeting.

C. Priority Strategy 3. Sustainable city

- No report for this meeting.

Executive session

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

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Approved by:



Chair