

**STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**City of Spokane**  
**Public Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability**  
**September 27, 2021**

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**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 1:16 p.m.  
<https://vimeo.com/616418632>

**Review and approval of minutes**

Council Member Cathcart asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2021 meetings.

- **Action taken**
- Council Member Wilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2021 meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Stratton.

**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 - none

**3. Sustainability Action Plan**

Kara Odegard and Delaney Carr provided a Public Engagement summary update for the Sustainability Action Plan from April through September 2021. This included 2.5 years of community driven work, over 20 engagements, 83k utility inserts mailed to City utility customers and 2,100 survey responses. The final plan is nearing completion and will be submitted to Council for consideration in late October.

**4. S3RE Solutions**

Todd Coleman briefed the committee with West Plains updates. Heavily focused on infrastructure right now. Air cargo warehouse nearing completion. Will be

leased by Amazon with one plane per day through early November when traffic will increase to two planes per day. Amazon will transport between fulfillment center and warehouse. Transportation grant received from DOT will help fund a West Plains Network Transportation Study with local entities to find mutual agreeable priority projects to submit to SRTC. Also discussed creation of wetland mitigation bank and regional stormwater system.

5. UDistrict

Juliet Sinisterra is serving as Interim Director of the University District PDA. She presented an update to the committee on PDA highlights including working with City staff to establish protocol and processes around fiscal management and reporting. There are two studies occurring – a parking structure feasibility study and a TOD study with Center Based Planning and Urban Design group.

B. Staff Requests

1. School, Park, and Playground Zone Speed Limit Resolution

Inga Note briefed this item as an update to speed schedules that are maintained for the school zones across the City including: new middle school zones, new G-Prep zone, update boundaries of existing locations with 20 When Flashing unite were installed and include 20MPH park zones in Schedule A documentation.

2. Ordinance Updating Stormwater-Related Sections of SMC

Trey George briefed an opportunity for the City to update stormwater ordinances to comply with the Eastern Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit, provide clarity for projects and properties that must manage Stormwater and provide water quality protection to local water of the state.

3. Avista Heatwave Lessons Learned

Heather Rosentrater briefed an update on the June 2021 heat event in Spokane. The discussion included a presentation with more background information on how Avista prepared for the event, what happened during the event and how Avista worked to reduce impacts to customers. Also discussed were the ways Avista has reviewed the impacts to customers since June and ways the company plans to reduce the potential for future issues to minimize the risk during future heat events.

4. Planning of South University District Trail Study

Colin Quinn-Hurst shared updated information on the trail status and connectivity options for the South University District Trail Study.

5. Clarke Avenue Landslide Abatement

Kyle Twohig briefed an update on the landslide mitigation and the work to stabilize the hillside for winter. It was discussed that two items would be coming before Council including an SBO and an emergency contract.

6. Delinquent Utility Bills

Marlene Feist shared A Path Forward for utility bill delinquencies in the City. Currently, delinquent accounts as of September 1, 2021 total about \$6.3 million and 7,500 residential and commercial accounts. The state level moratorium on shut-offs ends at the end of September. Asking Council to consider a resolution to allow customers to get caught up using various incentives.

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

Council Member Lori Kinnear left the meeting at 2:53PM

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

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Approved by:



Chair