

STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
City of Spokane
Public Infrastructure, Environment, and Sustainability
November 22, 2021

Committee members present in person, phone or video

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

Council President Beggs called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

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Review and approval of minutes

Council President Beggs asked for a motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2021 meeting.

- Action taken
- Council Member Wilkerson moved to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 meeting as presented; the motion was seconded by Council Member Mumm. Motion passed unanimously.

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 Agenda update
Eric Poulsen shared the Council's 2022 State Legislative Agenda which was compiled through contributions by the Council's legislative team, policy team and city staff. Eric noted there are some carry over priority items from the 2021 agenda and the agenda is broken down by tiers and capital budget items. Councilmembers engaged in discussion on several items including affordable housing, traffic safety and transportation funding as well as the capital budget particulars.
3. S3R3 PDA Update - None
4. STA Fare Policy Update

Brandon Rapez-Betty shared information and public outreach materials regarding a policy relating to the “Modern Fares, Modern Systems” tool. This tool creates more access and better value for transit customers by allowing more payments options and easier ways to pay – such as a smart card and contactless payment based on feedback from those accessing public transit during the pandemic. The benefits to accessibility and maximizing ride times are also positively benefitted. Brandon further discussed implementation of the policy which will likely take place in October 2022.

5. Ordinance Updates

Council President Beggs shared three ordinance updates relating to the Downtown BID, SPD exempt positions and updates to the City’s apprenticeship ordinance. Downtown BID – slightly amended contract based on language that needed to be made more clear including reauthorization of the BID ordinance. This ensures the contract and the ordinance are in line. SPD Exempt Positions - once a year when the budget is completed, the Council does an annual update for ordinances and it was determined that four sub departments exist within SPD that should be updated to be in line with the departmental ordinance. Apprenticeship – hitting goal for apprentices working on public works projects but not hitting the goals for individual crafts even though we have approved programs in Spokane. This is an important component for training a new workforce. Updating this ordinance to allow more flexibility under the current law.

6. Beacon Hill Vista Development Agreement

This item was referred back from the November 15 City Council meeting for further Council discussion. Council President explained the deferment and asked for Councilmembers’ questions regarding building to current public street guidelines and the length of the extension. Councilwoman Kinnear also circulated information regarding the future potential of a park-and-ride for future residents to access transit options from STA

B. Staff Requests

1. High Drive 20MPH Pilot Program

Clint Harris briefed a one year update on the 2020 20MPH pilot program which expired on November 1, 2021. A speed study was completed on High Drive which resulted in significant noncompliance. Clint further explained how speed assessments are completed. It was recommended that a speed limit be set within 5 miles per hour of the 80th percentile from the study.

2. SBO for Year-End for Fire-EMS Fund

Tonya Wallace and Paul Ingiosi briefed this SBO which would provide 5 million to the Fire/EMS fund for overage costs related to operations, equipment and supplies throughout the remainder of the year. Wildfire season was cited as a reason for the overages.

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 3:13PM

Prepared by:

Shae Blackwell

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Amner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Chair