

Snohomish City Council Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2018

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kartak called the Snohomish City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2018, in the Snohomish School District Resource Service Center, George Gilbertson Boardroom, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish, Washington.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Countryman
Steve Dana
Karen Guzak
John Kartak, Mayor
Tom Merrill
Linda Redmon
Jason Sanders
Lynn Schilaty

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Adams, HR Manager/City Clerk
Debbie Burton, Finance Director
Emily Guildner, City Attorney
Yoshihiro Monzaki, City Engineer
Glen Pickus, Planning Director
Keith Rogers, Police Chief
Steve Schuller, City Administrator

2. **APPROVE AGENDA** contents and order:

MOTION by Guzak, second by Schilaty to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

3. **APPROVE MINUTES** of the April 3, 2018 workshop and regular meeting.

MOTION by Redmon, second by Sanders to approve the minutes of the workshop and regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** on items not on the Agenda

Mayor Kartak welcomed the citizens to the meeting and discussed the procedures for providing citizen comments.

Suzanne Davis, commented on the ongoing negative impacts from commercial noise at Haggen Food, Fred Meyer, Davey Tree Service and the Snohomish Post Office. The noise occurs during the late night and early morning hours. She noted economic development is important, but should not be at the cost and comfort of the residents.

Morgan Davis, 206 Avenue I, does not support a full-time mayor salary, and is not in favor of the current reorganizational structure under the new form of government, which includes a full-time Mayor, City Administrator, Economic Development Manager and Executive Assistant. This structure is costing more money than the old weak mayor form of government.

Peter Messinger, spoke regarding the "Drop Your Guns" Campaign. Immediately following the Parkland disaster, a local merchant decided to stop ordering assault rifles and large capacity magazines. Citizens bought the remaining inventory and the Snohomish Police picked them up to be destroyed. He thanked the Snohomish Police Department, the merchant, and the citizens who purchased the remaining guns.

Citizen Comments: Closed

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- a. 2018 Stormwater Management Program – Resolution 1380

City Engineer Yoshihiro Monzaki stated during the 1970s, when the Clean Water Act was passed, rain became regulated in the urban areas. When rain in urban areas

contact a hard surface like a roof or a street, it becomes stormwater and is considered stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff is regulated and must be collected, detained and treated by constructed facilities. The runoff is collected by gutters, drains or catch basins and is then collected by open ditches and pipes to a constructed detention facility, such as a concrete vault or open pond and treated by a filter system.

The runoff is then discharged to the storm system which eventually discharges to a water body. For the City of Snohomish, the stormwater runoff ends in the Snohomish River through different routes. The City is required to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit developed as part of the Clean Water Act. The purpose of the permits is to protect and restore the water quality of the waters of the United States.

In 2004, the City Council approved Ordinance 2060 establishing the stormwater utility for the purpose of operating, constructing and maintaining the stormwater facilities. This includes completing the required tasks to comply with the NPDES stormwater permit.

This is a five year permit, first issued in 2007 and reissued in 2013. It has been extended to 2019 to provide the Department of Ecology with additional time to develop the next permit. The permit only applies to the separated storm system owned by the City. Annually, agencies are required to submit an annual report and a Stormwater Management Program to the Department of Ecology.

Below is a summary of the planned new activities and the annual on-going activities that will be completed during 2018:

Public Education and Outreach

- Continue Stewardship opportunities through volunteer programs assisting Public Works Staff with low impact development (LID) and rain garden construction at City properties.
- Continue spill kit distribution and education/outreach program. Revisit and evaluate businesses visited in previous years to measure results for targeted behaviors and educate any new business owners and their staffs.
- Staff Farmer's Market and Klā Ha Ya Days Booths for public education/outreach program.
- Re-visit restaurants and distribute restaurant best management practices flyers which was initially done in 2012.
- Hold a community stormwater education and outreach event in cooperation with other agencies for all Snohomish citizens.

Public Involvement and Participation

- Hold a public hearing on the Annual SWMP at a City Council meeting.
- Post the adopted SWMP to the City website and City Hall lobby for review and comments.
- Post the Annual Stormwater Report to the City website for review and comments.
- Post public involvement opportunities for involvement on the City website.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

- Field screen 10% of the stormwater system for IDDE and maintain inspection and maintenance records.
- Continue to provide businesses with brochures related to IDDE.
- Renew Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead (CESCL) certifications for existing Public Works employees and provide new Public Works employees CESCL training and certifications as needed.
- Renew IDDE Training for Field Staff and Public Works Employees.

Controlling Runoff from New Development, Redevelopment and Construction Sites

- Continue to train new and existing staff in the site plan review process, inspections, and enforcement. Maintain records of this training and names of staff trained.
- Implement new Low Impact Development (LID) codes per the LID Guidebook.
- Review site plans for compliance with City Code.
- Provide post construction inspections prior to approval for compliance with City Code.
- Inspect construction sites prior to and during construction for erosion control.
- Maintain records of inspections.
- Provide annual inspections of all stormwater treatment and flow control facilities and Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Municipal Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

- Receive refresher training in operations and management procedures, inspection procedures, reporting water quality concerns, and on efforts to reduce pollutants to runoff.
- Inspect 50% of total catch basins and inlets annually. All catch basins to be inspected by 2019.
- Spot check treatment and flow control facilities/BMPs and repair if necessary.
- Continue to train staff in O&M operations, inspection procedures, reporting water quality concerns, and on efforts to reduce pollutants to runoff. Maintain records of this training and names of staff trained.
- Train staff in the site plan review process, inspections, and enforcement. Maintain records of this training and names of staff trained.
- Make available the "Notice of Intent for Construction Activity" and "Notice of Intent for Industrial Activity" to developers.

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Requirements

- Continue stormwater sampling for fecal coliform.
- Submit review of past fecal coliform data and high priority body with the 2017 Annual Stormwater Report.
- Submit data to Environmental Information Management (EIM) database.
- Field screen for bacteria sources during IDDE screenings.
- Re-inspect veterinary offices for source control best management practices.
- Promote proper pet waste management behavior with pet waste stations and education and outreach materials.

Councilmember Dana asked how the City detects illicit discharges on dry days. Mr. Monzaki replied on a dry day, there shouldn't be any flow in the catch basins or drains. Councilmember Dana asked if there is telemetry or a method for determining when there is flow. Mr. Monzaki stated City staff will either be notified by citizens or City crews.

Councilmember Dana inquired about road pollutants. Most of the pollutants are produced by vehicles, discharged to the streets and into the drains. How much of these pollutants are being treated? Mr. Monzaki does not have a percentage of those pollutants being treated. In developed areas, there are storm ponds or vaults that will allow the water to sit or filters that will flow through to treat water.

Councilmember Guzak noted in the older part of the City, the storm system is combined with the household sewer, and the stormwater is treated at the waste water treatment

plant. When there is a storm event, there is increased stormwater and side sewer water. She asked if the City is the process of separating the stormwater from the side sewer water with the proposed extension to the old sewer lagoon. She would like to know where the City is at in the planning process. Mr. Monzaki responded the preconstruction meeting with the contractor was held this morning. The trunkline has been constructed along Second Street to the manhole in front of the wastewater treatment plant access. The last portion of the trunkline will extend from the manhole in front of the plant to the lagoon. It will be completed this summer.

Councilmember Sanders inquired about raising awareness and education. When developers install storm ponds or vaults, does the City work with the developers over time. He has noticed native vegetation grow in these ponds. He also asked about educational outreach regarding negative impacts from washing cars in residential driveways and guidance to use facilities that collect that water, and education in the use of yard pesticides and chemicals. He would like to know if part of this plan includes this type of outreach. Mr. Monzaki responded for the past few years, the City has distributed mailers to homeowners contributing to a private facility, directing them to the City's website which contains a checklist informing them how to maintain their stormwater facilities. There is also a business listing of companies who maintain these facilities provided on the City's website. City crews will also meet with the homeowners if they have questions about their facilities. Concerning education, City staff attends the Farmer's Market with informational handouts. The handouts and brochures include information on car washes and pesticides. The City also conducts an annual public event to discuss various stormwater issues and concerns.

Councilmember Redmon asked if there were any changes to the stormwater management program which may impact the upcoming budget. Mr. Monzaki replied there are no additional budgetary impacts from last year. However, the Department of Ecology will be developing the next permit for 2019 and beyond, and there may be additional requirements at that time affecting the budget.

Councilmember Schilaty asked if this is an unfunded mandate for the City. Mr. Monzaki stated the program is funded by stormwater fees and the state provides a non-competitive grant of \$50,000.

Citizen Comments:

Kari Zimmerman, Bonneville Avenue, explained the difference between a retention and detention pond. She supports the annual inspection of retention and detention ponds by City staff and the maintenance being managed privately.

Citizen Comments: Closed

MOTION by Guzak, second by Sanders that the City Council **PASS** Resolution 1380, adopting the 2018 Stormwater Management Program. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

b. Comprehensive Plan Amendments Docket

Planning Director Glen Pickus stated this public hearing starts the annual process to amend the City's Comprehensive Plan. This procedure is called "docketing" and is established in Snohomish Municipal Code (SMC) 14.15.020. The procedure requires the City to process docket applications annually with a March 31 deadline to submit applications. For this year's docket, the application period was opened in early January 2018, with a newsflash item on the City's website and repeated in February. The City received no docket applications from the public. City staff submitted docket applications for six Comprehensive Plan amendments.

At this stage of the docketing process, Council's role is to review the docket applications to determine which proposals merit further research and analysis, which is called the Preliminary Docket. After Council takes action and determines which proposals should be analyzed further, they will be placed on a Final Docket. Staff will then begin researching the items on the Final Docket. In some cases, the research will include outreach to property owners who would be directly affected by the proposed amendment. Ultimately, proposals on the Final Docket will be brought back to the Council for consideration and a decision. Some of this year's proposals will come back to Council later this year, while others will likely not come back to Council until 2019.

Placement of a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment on the Final Docket does not mean it will ultimately be approved by the City Council. It only means the proposal generally fits into the Council's vision for the City, and is worth investigating further.

Mr. Pickus reviewed the six proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments as follows:

1. Re-designate boat launch site to Parks from Urban Horticulture
2. Amend Policy AN 1.11 to allow utility hook ups in Urban Growth Area
3. Revise Land Use Designation to split it into two maps; one for the City and one for the UGA
4. Eliminate the Mixed Use land use designation and re-designate parcels as appropriate
5. Eliminate the Urban Horticulture land use designation and re-designate parcels as appropriate
6. Merge the Parks and the Open Space land use designations into a single Parks and Open Space designation

Councilmember Redmon indicated she is not clear on what the goals and benefits may be from proposals 4 and 5. Mr. Pickus replied it would make the City's Comprehensive Plan, especially the Land Use Designation Map more representative of what currently exists and its vision. These are two ineffective designations. He believes the designations may have had a purpose at one time. However, in the Comprehensive Plan, the designations were envisioned to end. Councilmember Redmon asked given the amount of staff resources dedicated to this task, will it be of a significant benefit. Mr. Pickus replied it will be a huge benefit.

Councilmember Merrill asked what questions or objections would current homeowners have to the proposed amendments. Mr. Pickus explained the property owners haven't been reached out to yet. Once the final docket is in place, the outreach process will begin. It would have been premature to reach out to property owners before the docket is finalized.

Councilmember Sanders asked if the proposed docket is prioritized based on staff time and benefit received, and will staff have the capacity to move forward with all six proposals? Mr. Pickus indicated the preliminary docket is not in priority order. He believes the amendments can be accomplished within two years. He would expect 1, 2, 3 and 6 to be completed in 2018. The remaining in 2019. Changing the annexation policy is very important.

Councilmember Dana noted the Urban Horticulture and Mixed Use Designations are relics of his first term on the City Council many years ago. The designation for Urban Horticulture was originally designated due to the City's inclusion of AG land within the Urban Growth Boundary. As a result, the state directed the City to create some sort of an urban designation for property not intended for development in an urban way. The designation was intended for open space use, which included the soccer fields and

areas in the flood plain, which the City knew would not be developed in the City. He supports removing both designations.

Councilmember Schilaty indicated Docket Item 2 appeared to enable the City to collect fees from properties just outside of the City, but close enough to hook up to City facilities. She requested an explanation regarding this item. Mr. Pickus replied this would allow for new connections. In the policy and in the code, there are emergency situations where this would be allowed, but it's very tight. He would like to explore loosening up the language to allow it. In previous years, there were worries if the City allowed them to connect, the properties would never be annexed. There is a new tool that the connection can be conditioned on the property owner not contesting annexation.

Mayor Kartak asked if this were to pass, would the discretion be the Planning Director's on whether the City would extend services to the UGA, and if the discretion would be the Planning Director's, would the Director be bound to a sense of consistency in regards to other requests throughout the UGA. Mr. Pickus replied it would not be the Planning Director's decision. If the policy is changed, nothing happens. The City would have to change the Snohomish Municipal Code, and the Code would detail when connections would be allowed. The City does not want this to be discretionary.

Citizen Comments: None
Citizen Comments: Closed

MOTION by Guzak, second by Schilaty that the City Council **APPROVE** placement of all six Comprehensive Plan amendment proposals, DK2018-1 through DK2018-6, on the 2018 Final Docket so they can be analyzed further and brought back to the City Council at a later date for consideration and a decision. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

6. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **ESTABLISH** ad hoc Youth Council and **CONFIRM** Mayor's Appointments – **PASS** Resolution 1381

Councilmember Sanders stated the City of Snohomish recognizes the youth of the community are a significant community resource. The City wishes to encourage and offer experiences for Snohomish youth to actively engage and participate in its local government, and the creation of a Youth Council is an appropriate means to foster involvement and increase the opportunities for young people to contribute to local government.

Participation may include, but is not limited to, attendance at Snohomish City Council meetings; and as deemed appropriate, students may be encouraged to drive policy changes at the local level by researching, drafting and presenting to Council. In the Snohomish High School (SHS) and AIM High School (AIM) government classes, under the direction of Kaci Cowan and Thom Engel, students will be encouraged to apply for a Youth Council position.

Youth Council appointments will take into consideration interest, diversity, and inclusion across each school and grade. Residence within the City is not a requirement. Upon approval, the Youth Council will convene at regularly scheduled and agreed upon meetings throughout the year with Council President Sanders and Council Liaison Redmond. In December, the Youth Council will be asked to make a presentation and be formally recognized at the City Council's annual celebration of its Boards and Commissions.

Tentative Youth Council Deliverables:

- Voice of Snohomish Students – What are the needs and interests of Snohomish students? What does the Youth Council want to take on as an initiative to raise awareness and drive change at the local level?
- What does the Youth Council want to deliver by year-end and how can the Council President and Council Liaison support the efforts?
- Presentation of Youth Council efforts and accomplishments by the students at the City Boards and Commissions annual celebration.
- Determination of the success of this pilot and decisions to move forward in 2019
- Creation of a plan for future Youth Council.

The following students were nominated by Mayor Kartak for appointment to the Snohomish Youth Council:

Ninth Grade: Simon Bidne, Colby VerHoeven, Allison Nauman

Tenth Grade: Celia Forster, Mikayla Jardine, Riley Yeoman, Grace Flitsch

Eleventh Grade: Cameron Stevenson, Eden Anana, Austin Taylor

Citizen Comments:

Merritt Wease, 1416 Park Avenue, expressed excitement in establishing the Youth Council. She thanked Councilmembers Sanders, Redmon, the teachers and students. The community will be made stronger with input from its youth.

Kaci Cowan, Social Studies Teacher, Snohomish High School, thanked the Mayor, City Council and City staff for considering the proposal to create a Youth Council. She especially thanked Councilmembers Sanders and Redmon for their work in reaching out to the students.

Colby VerHoeven, Student, Snohomish High School, thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers Redmon and Sanders for their support. He is excited to get involved with City government and to build this pilot program, which will have a positive impact on the youth and citizens of the City.

Cameron Stevenson, Student, Snohomish High School, stated he is excited with the formation of the Youth Council and in reaching out and representing the City's youth through a partnership with the City Council. As a priority, he would like to see additional youth activities in Snohomish.

Citizen Comments: Closed

MOTION by Sanders, second by Redmon that the City Council **PASS** Resolution 1381 establishing a City of Snohomish Youth Council and **CONFIRM** the 2018 Youth Council student members, as recommended.

Councilmember Schilaty stated she is extremely excited about the Youth Council, and the new energy it will bring to the Council. The Council needs its youth. For those that watched Mark Zuckerberg being questioned by Congress, some of the questions asked were embarrassing, because it was obvious some members of Congress could not relate to the younger generation. She is looking forward to working with the Youth Council, and thanked the students and teachers. She supports the proposed Resolution.

Councilmember Guzak affirmed her support for the Youth Council. She mentioned the *March for Our Lives*, and the energy of our youth, which is overwhelming and very positive. She supports the youth and the proposed Resolution.

Councilmember Sanders stated they met with over 400 students at Snohomish High School, and a number of students at AIM High School. One of the questions asked by an AIM High School student was “What is the City Council going to do about the gentrification of the Pilchuck District?” He noted the students are incredibly bright, and he is thrilled with the younger generation coming forward. He counseled the students to push for the issues they believe in. He congratulated everybody involved in this process.

Councilmember Redmon thanked the students. She noted all of the students appointed to the Youth Council are very busy and involved in many community and school-related activities. Nevertheless, they have made it a priority to stand up and represent their peers. She finds them all very impressive, and looks forward to working with each of them.

Councilmember Merrill thanked the students for stepping up. He is excited, and looks forward to hearing from the voices of our future, including the energy and innovation that comes with it.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

b. Permanent Prohibition of Supervised Drug Injection Site Facilities – **ADOPT**
Ordinance 2348

Planning Director Glen Pickus explained there is no such thing as a permanent regulation. This is a final regulation. He stated the City currently has interim regulations expiring on July 16, 2018. The proposal is to adopt Ordinance 2348, which contains final regulations. Ordinance 2348 is nearly identical to the interim regulations. Ordinance 2348 repeals the interim regulations and replaces them with the final regulations. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 4, 2018.

A Supervised Drug Injection Facility (SDIF) is a legally-sanctioned, medically-supervised facility designed to provide a location where individuals are able to consume illicit drugs intravenously.

Proponents of SDIFs believe the facilities:

- Reduce drug overdoses and overdose deaths.
- Facilitate participation in drug treatment by addicts.
- Reduce the incidence of infectious diseases.
- Reduce public consumption of drugs in a street, park, public toilet, or car.
- Reduce the amount of publicly discarded needles and syringes.

Opponents believe the facilities:

- Condone and normalize illegal drug use.
- Enable addiction and increase illegal drug use.
- Increase crime.
- Attract illegal drug users and create an illegal drug marketplace.
- Lower property values.

Staff cannot confirm whether any of these assertions are true, as there are no facilities in the United States currently. Because the primary and secondary effects of supervised drug injection facilities have not been adequately studied or measured, there is no way to make an assessment of what their potential risks or benefits would be, especially on the surrounding neighborhoods. Therefore, the Planning Commission believes at this time, the facilities should be banned.

Citizen Comments: None
Citizen Comments: Closed

MOTION by Sanders, second by Merrill that the City Council **ADOPT** Ordinance 2348, prohibiting the siting and operation of supervised drug injection facilities in the City of Snohomish.

Councilmember Merrill stated he will vote to adopt Ordinance 2348, banning supervised drug injection sites. He noted the sites are inappropriate for Snohomish, and don't address any of the City's problems. He explained this action, this rush to write this Ordinance at this particular time, leaves him angry and frustrated. He believes it is the wrong work to have spent the City's energies on.

He noted the Council concerned the citizens of Snohomish with a serious, troublesome topic that they didn't have to. Citizens pay attention to what the Council pays attention to. The Council should honor that by taking up the problems that are of concern to Snohomish – not the problems of other cities. He believes the Council was disrespectful of City staff time and the well-being of its citizens. Supervised drug injection sites do not address any of the City's present or foreseeable problems. Few, if any of the City Council or City staff thought these sites were in any way appropriate for Snohomish, or that any consideration anywhere was being given to placing one here.

Councilmember Merrill believes the Council violated two major principles of problem solving: What does the data show, and what is the problem? What problem was the Council trying to solve? The Council eventually found a problem to solve when it talked themselves into believing they were ensuring a site couldn't be placed in Snohomish because all other cities had ordinances against them, but that's not where the Council started.

He explained, the good news is that in 2018, work by City staff and the Public Safety Commission is underway to address drug addiction in Snohomish. The City has a new Community Outreach Officer, Deputy Niebusch, specifically tasked to work with addiction and homelessness issues, to bring the required resources to bear, and to help coordinate with other groups and agencies. The Public Safety Commission is working to understand the problems specific to Snohomish related to addiction, homelessness, and mental health, so they can recommend appropriate action to the City staff and City Council.

In summary, Councilmember Merrill stated whether the Council acknowledges it or not, in much of its discussions, they sat in judgement of other places that are dealing with a problem for which the City has no context. In Vancouver, BC, a person a day dies from drug overdose - 358 people in 2017. Vancouver, (and Seattle and San Francisco and others) is dealing with this horrendous problem for which there are no good answers. These cities are desperate and trying many approaches, Supervised Injection Sites among them. Some people say they don't work, but Vancouver reports in 2017, no one died at one of these sites – the people that died - died alone away from help. So maybe it does work. What problem are they trying to solve? Until Councilmember Merrill walks in their shoes, he will not judge them. He hopes and prays Snohomish never has that problem to wrestle with.

The Council will adopt Ordinance 2348. The Council brought it forward, spent time and resources on it, listened to citizens that were concerned this might happen in our town. The Council owes it to the citizens now. He asked that the Council not bring anything this ill-considered forward again.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

7. CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. **AUTHORIZE** payment of claim warrants #62471 through #62551 in the amount of \$359,227.09, issued since the last regular meeting
- b. **AUTHORIZE** the Mayor to Sign and Execute the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Contract with Snohomish Buildings, Inc. for the Purchase of a Section of Bickford Avenue
- c. **CONFIRM** Mayor's Appointment to the Public Safety Commission

MOTION by Guzak, second by Countryman to pass the Consent Items. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

8. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS:

Councilmember Merrill stated in the Cityvision magazine, there was an article concerning a Bill that helps cities and banks deal with nuisance properties. He requested a briefing from the City Attorney on this topic within the framework of Snohomish. The Council concurred.

9. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilmember Guzak was pleased to attend the groundbreaking for Housing Hope's, HopeWorks project in Everett, located near the transit station at 3331 Broadway. It will provide a residence to more than sixty (60) homeless people. At the same time, the residents will be learning to be food handlers, chefs, caterers and are provided job placement within the community. Housing Hope not only brings housing, but also education and employment opportunities. This is one of three projects within the City of Everett dealing with homelessness and opioid addiction. Cocoon House and Catholic Services also have projects. In the City of Everett, within the next year or so, there will be approximately 170 new units to assist those who are housing stressed. She had a conversation with the CEO for Housing Hope, and was disappointed the proposed project of 44 units south of Snohomish Station had financing difficulties. The USDA could not finance it, due to Snohomish being too urban. This project will need to occur outside the City limits.

Councilmember Guzak also attended the Everett Community College Foundation Fundraising breakfast. The college has over 1,900 students attending each year, and furnished 1,219 associate's degrees, 610 certificate degrees and high school diplomas to 121 people. 30 percent of the student body are students of color. Everett Community College partners with Washington State University and Western Washington University. They now have student housing, built by a local firm COZ. Gordy Cole is a partner. It was a very inspirational meeting, with presentations by at-risk youth from broken homes who thought they wouldn't complete high school, but have gone on to do so well. She will be giving a presentation to the Snohomish Rising Group on April 21 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the Pilchuck District and stimulating more affordable units and diversity in the area. She reminded the community, Earth Day occurs on Sunday, April 22. There will be a local walk starting at 230 Avenue B at 1:00 p.m. and the community is invited to attend.

Councilmember Merrill attended the Community Transit meeting. They approved updating for repair and maintenance expansion of their fleet. Community Transit also received a \$43 million grant from a federal Small Starts grant to build out Swift Green Line taking commuters from Canyon Park to Paine Field. The Public Safety Commission had two commission members' terms expire. Their replacements will be attending the next meeting. Presentations were made to the Public Safety Commission by Jeff Ketchel, Administrator with the Snohomish Health District and Jason Biermann, Director of Snohomish County

Department of Emergency Management.

Councilmember Redmon stated on April 4, she attended the Planning Commission Public Hearing on the ban of safe injection sites. There was no public comment. On May 5, with Mayor Kartak, she heard the delivery trucks at 4:30 a.m. at the Haggen Food store. The sounds are pronounced and jarring. She will continue to follow up on this issue. She also attended Leadership Snohomish County, where they examined the future of the county, growth challenges and the ways they can work together to deal with them. Leadership Snohomish County is also currently accepting nominations via their website. On Saturday, April 7, she attended the Household Clean-up Event. She thanked Bill Rockwell for organizing volunteers to help the seniors by taking trucks to their homes and loading up items for disposal. On Monday, April 9, she participated in the Snohomish Building Bridges Club. There are some great community members involved. They are suggesting Block Parties. She is enjoying the camaraderie this diverse group of people have developed. On Tuesday, April 10, she spent the day at Snohomish High School with Council President Sanders talking with the senior government classes. They had great questions and ideas. She spent the day at AIM High School, and will be there tomorrow talking with the students. On April 11, she visited Cocoon House in Everett and spoke with the Executive Director about plans to shelter homeless youth. Cocoon House is currently the only real resource in the area for youth on the streets. She wants the community to be aware there is a resource available to homeless young people. On April 12, she met with a community member at St. John Episcopal Church regarding the placement of lockers to provide safe storage for identification and medication for the City's homeless residents. The lockers won't be located there, but the conversation has started on where they will be placed. On April 13, she met with a Community Paramedic from South Snohomish County Fire. The Community Paramedic is geared toward diverting elderly or shut-ins from going to the Emergency Room. It is a money saving program and there may be outside funding available. She will follow up on whether it could be considered in Snohomish. On Sunday, April 15, she met with the directors of the Monroe Chamber of Commerce and the Lake Stevens Food Bank. They all shared their experiences and community needs. She noted on Saturday, April 21, the Citywide Parks and Trails Clean-Up Event sign up will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Hal Moe Building Parking Lot.

10. COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S ITEMS/REPORTS:

Council President Sanders thanked the Council for excusing his absence at the last Council meeting. He noted AIM High School is a real gem of a program. The students are self-motivated and leaders. He encouraged the community to take a tour of the AIM High School facility and thanked the faculty.

11. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Schuller stated last week a pre-construction meeting was held with the low bid contractor for the Hal Moe pool building demolition. The fencing will begin to go up next week, and the Tillicum-Kiwanis playground will be closed until approximately the first week in June.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Kartak reported last Thursday, he toured the needle exchange facility in Everett. He thanked Heather Thomas with the Health District for listening to his thoughts and answering questions about the program. Last Tuesday, he attended the Regional Health District meeting, where USDA Director Kirk Pearson gave a presentation on their national emphasis program regarding opioid issues. He then attended the Public Safety Commission meeting. He also assisted with the Household Clean-Up Event on Saturday, April 7. Staff assisted 350 vehicles containing household debris. Mayor Kartak was approached by Arleen and Felix Neals of Historic Downtown Snohomish with the idea of a Volunteer Commission. The

focus would be on keeping the southern business district clean. He would like to discuss this further.

13. **MOTION** by Guzak, second by Merrill to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

APPROVED this 1st day of May 2018

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

ATTEST:

John T. Kartak, Mayor

Pat Adams, City Clerk