

GREATER MAPLE VALLEY UNINCORPORATED AREA COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING – January 15, 2024

The monthly regular meeting of the GMVUAC held at the Maple Valley Fire Station and virtually via Zoom was called to order by Hiester at approximately 7:02 PM on Monday, January 15, 2024.

Roll Call: Present: Hiester, Rimbos, Buchanan, Harvey, Neuner, Iverson, and Hansen.

Absent, But with Designated Proxy: N/A

Absent: Haynes.

Resignation: N/A

Logistics Note: The meeting was held in person and virtually over Zoom.

Agenda Items:

Addition agenda item:

- Hansen: Add approval of the previous meeting minutes.

Motion: Iverson- Move to approve agenda as amended. Second: Harvey, Approved – All.

Officer Elections:

Discussion was held about officer elections, there was no interest from anyone to become an officer or to step down.

- Chair: Hiester- Staying.
- Vice Chair: Buchanan- Staying.
- Treasurer: Neuner- Staying.
- Corresponding Secretary: Rimbos- Staying.
- Recording Secretary: Hansen- Staying.

Motion: Buchanan- Motion to elect officers by acclamation. Second: Harvey, Approved – All.

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1. Public Comments (7:07): N/A.

2. TSD School Levies – AJ Garcia (TSD Public Relations Director) (7:08):

- Election date: February 13, 2024.
- What is on the ballot:

- Prop. 1 – Replacement Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy.
    - Prop. 2 – Replacement Technology Capital Projects (Tech) Levy.
  - Levies are 2-year replacements for expiring levies.
  - Washington State provides K-12 funding for basic education.
  - Loss of levies would mean significant reductions in staff, programs, and services for students.
  - Replacements maintains funding for existing services.
  - What does the EP&O Levy fund:
    - Safety and Security Personal, around 9 people (State only funds 1.7 people).
    - Mental Health Support.
    - Special Education.
    - Sports Clubs and Activities (State provides \$0.00).
    - Educational Support Staff.
    - Academic Programs.
    - High Quality Instruction.
    - Multilingual Learner Service.
  - What does the Tech Levy fund:
    - Learning Devices.
    - Accessibility Tools.
    - Physical Security and Cybersecurity.
    - Technology and Instructional Support Staff.
  - What do the Levies cost:
    - EP&O Levy:
      - Property Tax Levied at \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
    - Tech Levy:
      - Property Tax Levied at around \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
    - For the average assessed property, for both levies and the 2013 voter-approved bond, the tax amount would be \$2,545 in 2024, \$3,005 in 2025, and \$3,148 in 2026.
  - 17% of Tahoma is local funds.
  - 3% is Federal funds.
  - 80% is State funds.
  - Tahoma revenue per student: \$17,057.
  - Tahoma expense per student: \$17,745.
3. City of Maple Valley Legislative Agenda – Sean Kelly (Mayor of Maple Valley) (7:57):
- 2024 Legislative Priorities:
  - King County Sheriff’s Office (KCSO) Helicopter:
    - Support funding a new helicopter for the KCSO Air Support Unit.
  - Police Pursuit Study:
    - The City of Maple Valley requests the Legislation to examine the efficacy of current state laws as it pertains to vehicular pursuits and potential expansion of the law to include pursuits under certain conditions.
  - Transportation:
    - State Route 169 funding.
    - SR 169 pedestrian bridge funding.
    - State Route Maintenance- increase population threshold to avoid paying for State Highway maintenance.
  - Land use issues:
    - Legislation Implementation Deadline Extensions.

- Affordable Housing Credit Clarification.
  - Trip Reductions.
- Mental Health Funding:
  - Continued support for mental and behavioral health initiatives including funding sources/ opportunities.
- Capital Projects:
  - Permanent Message boards.
  - Public Market Building Design.
- 2024 Comprehensive Plan Open House:
  - Friday, February 2, 2024 6:00 to 8:00 @ Lake Wilderness Lodge.

Council Business (8:23)

1. 2024 KCCP Major Update:
  - Rimbos:
  - KC Council Local Services and Land Use Committee will start accepting comments this week.
  - Detailed KC Council review schedule was reviewed.
  - Discussed Water Systems and OSS.
  - Comments due February 4, 2024.
  - February 5, 2024 GMVUAC Meeting will vote on the Joint Team Comments.
  
2. Reserve Silica Update:
  - Rimbos:
  - Reserve Silica Clearcut 40 acres and dumping ASARCO waste on those acres.
  - We submitted comments to KC DLS Permitting, they have sent us a letter.
  - Reviewed letter.

Updates to Committee Reports (9:07):

Executive: N/A

PR: Website got an email from someone interested in being part of the GMVUAC. PR committee will follow up with this person.

Joint Team: N/A

Growth Management: N/A

Environment: Will send an email to have a committee meeting Wednesday, February 17, 2024.

Transportation: N/A

Hiester adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 PM.

Minutes by Hansen.