

KENT CITY COUNCIL 2019 ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Friday, 1 February, Noon – 4:45 p.m. / Saturday, 2 February, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Lake Wilderness Lodge / 22500 SE 248th Street, Maple Valley

AGENDA

THE MEETING'S PRIMARY GOAL:

Discuss the issues of greatest interest and importance to the Council and Mayor and what should be done to advance our vision for the City's long-term future.

FRIDAY'S SESSIONS

12:00 *Lunch will be provided. Please come early to enjoy the food and beverages and be ready to convene the meeting promptly at 1 o'clock.*

1:00 **Welcome! Review Meeting's Purpose**
COUNCIL PRESIDENT BILL BOYCE

1:05 **Review Agenda, Ground Rules, and Facilitation Techniques**
JIM REID, FACILITATOR

1:10 **Celebrate the Major Accomplishments of 2018**
COUNCIL / MAYOR DANA RALPH

- What are 2-3 accomplishments of 2018 that are you proudest of?
- What lessons did we learn from them?
- What, if anything, did we expect to make more progress on than we did?

1:50 **Identify Major Accomplishments; Anticipate Upcoming Challenges**
MAYOR RALPH / ELT / COUNCIL

- What were the 2-3 *major accomplishments* of each department during 2018?
- What could be the 1-3 *biggest challenges* facing each department in 2019 and '20?
- Which challenges will require the joint efforts of multiple departments?
- What are the Council's reactions and thoughts about the challenges ahead?

3:15 Mayor's Reflections on Her First Year in Office

MAYOR RALPH

- Having completed her first year as Mayor, Mayor Ralph will offer some reflections about City government, the community, and her experiences in 2018.
- Are there any questions or comments?

3:30 Break

3:40 Review Community Survey Findings

COUNCIL / MAYOR RALPH / DANA NEUTS / ELT

- What are the major findings from the recent survey of Kent residents about City services and the future direction of the City?
- What are the Council's reactions to the findings?
- What might be the next steps to address them?

4:40 Preview Tomorrow's Agenda

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BOYCE / JIM REID

4:45 Adjourn the Business Meeting Until Tomorrow Morning

5:30 Dinner with Council Members, the Mayor, and ELT

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SATURDAY'S SESSIONS

8:00 *Breakfast refreshments will be available. Please come early to enjoy them and be prepared to convene the meeting promptly at 8:30 a.m. Thank you!*

8:30 **Welcome! Review Yesterday's Discussions and Meeting's Purpose**
COUNCIL PRESIDENT BILL BOYCE

8:35 **Review Agenda, Ground Rules, and Yesterday's Discussions**
JIM REID, FACILITATOR

8:40 **Advancing the City's Vision for Technology**
COUNCIL/ MAYOR RALPH / MIKE CARRINGTON / ELT

- What is our long-term vision for technology in supporting City operations and the provision of services?
- What progress have we made in achieving that vision? What approaches have we used to make progress?
- What are the next steps in advancing our vision?
- What resources will be needed?

9:50 **Break**

10:00 How Should the City Address Homelessness?

COUNCIL / MAYOR RALPH / RAF PADILLA / JULIE PARASCONDOLA / MERINA HANSON / TIM LAPORTE / ELT

- What is the City currently doing to provide leadership in addressing homelessness? What services are we providing? How much time are we devoting to this issue? How many resources?
- What services are our partners providing to address homelessness, including not-for-profits, the private sector, other South County cities, and King County?
- What are the impacts of homelessness on City facilities, public health and safety, and the environment?
- In light of this inventory, are there any gaps in the delivery of services?
- What do we know of the expectations and interests of Kent’s residents and businesses? Does the community survey shed any light on them?
- Is there anything more that the Council is interested in exploring to address homelessness and related issues?

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Discuss How the City is Advancing the Vision for Parks and Recreation

COUNCIL / MAYOR RALPH / JULIE PARASCONDOLA / ELT

- What are the department’s current planning efforts and how do they influence overall departmental vision and connect throughout the City and County?
- How will the new capital revenue stream help achieve our vision for parks and recreation?
- How will we develop pliable yet practical methods to achieve strategic business goals, sustainable workflow, and maintain high levels of customer satisfaction?

1:45 Discuss Quality of Life Issues

COUNCIL / MAYOR / KURT HANSON / RAF PADILLA / ELT

In preparing for the retreat agenda, Council members expressed interest in a variety of issues affecting the quality of life in Kent.

- What has the Administration done this past year to strengthen Code enforcement in the interests of improving community aesthetics and public health and safety?
- Are there any other quality of life issues that the Council is interested in briefly discussing or putting on a list for future discussion?

2:30 Break

2:40 Review Development Standards Issues

COUNCIL / MAYOR RALPH / KURT HANSON / ELT

- What is the City doing to encourage manufacturing in industrial areas rather than warehousing? Is there more the City could do?
- What are the Council's other interests in the City's development standards?

3:20 Other Issues on the Horizon

COUNCIL / MAYOR / ELT

- What are other issues of interest for possible future Council discussions?

3:50 Impressions of This Year's Retreat

COUNCIL / MAYOR RALPH / ELT

- What are we taking away from the 2019 strategic planning retreat?

4:00 Adjourn