

Central Kitsap Community Council

October 6, 2021 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Council Members:

Jim Aho, Mark Hughes, David Emmons, Monica Downen, Renee Overath, Pete Wimmer, Elizabeth Buskirk, Steve Fabry, Jeremy Stitt, Annika Collier, Brandon Myers, Amy Lawrence, Harold Shea, Annika Collier

Commissioner:

Commissioner Ed Wolfe (District 3, Central Kitsap)

Presenters: Chief John Oliver, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue, Eric Baker, Kitsap County Policy Manager, Amber D’Amato, Director of the Department of Administrative Services, and Kristofer Carlson, Financial Manager

County Staff (in attendance non-presenter): Katharine Shaffer, Policy Analyst, Aimee Campbell, Financial Analyst, Kevin Dillion Financial Analyst, and David Flint, Financial Analyst

Meeting called to order at 5:01PM PST

Motion to approve minutes and agenda as presented.

Motioned by Jeremy Stitt

Seconded: Monica Downen

Motion carried.

Commissioner Wolfe update: I’d like to provide an overview or recent discussions at the Kitsap Public Health Board meetings. With the ongoing delta surge and its impacts on our community, the Board held a special session on September 28th to get direction from the Board on proposals for additional measures. The Health Officer proposed three potential actions:

1. Take no additional action.
2. Make a formal Health Board recommendation/resolution for all local governmental agencies to require vaccination for their employees.
3. Make a formal Health Board recommendation/resolution for all private businesses to require vaccination for their employees and/or require proof of vaccination for entry into indoor public places.

The Board reviewed these options and at yesterday’s Health Board meeting and decided to go with no additional actions at this time.

Personally, I am against vaccine mandates. Our jurisdictions and businesses are facing hiring challenges that may be further impacted by a vaccine mandate. These may lead to other long-term health, public safety and economic impacts equal to or worse than our current COVID crisis.

Requiring business owners to require proof of vaccination and turn away customers without including those with small children puts them in an impossible position that is not appropriate.

I think incentivizing vaccination instead of mandating is the better route. As a pilot, the County will be discussing monetary incentives to encourage vaccination of all of our employees.

Sad news from the Silverdale Marina. There was a fire at 4:30AM on Monday. Fire involved a 14-foot boat and portions of the dock. Vandalism to port property including tipping over porta potties. County vehicles were not damaged. They did however decorate them with road cones found around the site. Fire Marshals and KCSO were on scene and examining surveillance videos. No damage estimate yet. Anyone who may have seen anything call Fire Marshal at 360 337 5777.

Kitsap Transit has come to agreement on purchase area and price with the property owner. At our Board meeting on 10/5, Kitsap Transit Board gave direction to sign a purchase and sales agreement for the final piece of property needed for the project from CHI Franciscan. The project is out to bid for a contractor and the construction contract is expected to be awarded in December for a spring ground breaking. The project will occur in two phases. Phase 1 is to re-align the upper portion of Sid Uhinck Dr. and vacate the existing Sid Uhinck roadway then phase 2 is for the overall Transit Center construction.

The project is expected to take 18 months from groundbreaking.

Presentation from Chief John Oliver, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue on Kitsap 911's Proposition 2: On the November 2nd ballot for approval by voters, Proposition 2 would add 1 cent on a 10-dollar taxable purchase to the sales tax. This additional tax would go to support Kitsap 911's emergency communications systems and facilities, including the replacement of an aging radio communications system.

Presentation from Eric Baker, Kitsap County Policy Manager on Kitsap County Commissioner Redistricting:

Background:

Kitsap County includes three Commissioner Districts. District 1 is located in North Kitsap, District 2 is split between South Kitsap and Bremerton and District 3 is split between Central Kitsap and Bremerton.

Kitsap County is required by Washington State RCW 29A.76.010 to update their commissioner district voting districts to reflect the results of each decennial census (2020). This update is intended to ensure the commissioner districts meet specific criteria:

- Each district shall be nearly equal in population as possible.
- Each district shall be as compact as possible (avoid unusual irregular boundaries).
- Each district shall consist of geographically-contiguous area (no islands).
- Each district shall not be configured in a way as to disfavor any racial group or political party.
- Each district shall consider natural boundaries and preserve existing communities, as feasible.

Washington State received the 2020 census data in August and transmitted it to Kitsap for our use. To ensure successful execution of the 2022 elections by the County Auditor, the Board of Commissioners must approve a redistricting plan by the end of December.

This timeline is usually much longer (more than a year) but due to delays at the federal level regarding the release of census data and the transmission from the state, we have a much more truncated process.

To complete this project, Policy staff will coordinate with the Auditor's Office to apply the results of the 2020 Census to the Kitsap County Commissioner Districts and follow the process and schedule shown below.

Schedule

The project would require a series of steps to be completed through December 2021:

- Assess existing Commissioner District boundaries for population equality - September
- Hold public presentations regarding the process - September and October
- Develop alternatives for potential revisions based upon the state criteria - October
- Release of Draft Alternatives to the public for comment - Late October
- Hold a Public Open House to discuss the alternatives – November 4, 2021
- Hold a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners - November 22, 2021
- Board Deliberations and Approval - December 13, 2021

Public Participation

Public participation will be somewhat limited due to the 75% reduction in timeline. We will provide the following avenues for public information and participation.

- Discussions with political parties, cities and community groups.
- Presentation to the Central Kitsap Community Council as any District 1/3 boundary would directly affect their community.
- Public release and distribution of redistricting alternatives.
- Public Open House (Zoom) to present redistricting alternatives.

Throughout the process, the County will maintain a webpage as a clearinghouse for all information regarding the project. Updates will be regularly distributed via social media, press releases, listservs and other methods.

Preliminary Data Results

Based upon a preliminary review of the 2020 Census data, there is only a 3.5% population difference between District 2 and 3 with District 1 falling in between. The numbers are as follows:

District 1 = 91,111

District 2 = 93,885

District 3 = 90,615

While not a significant difference, this may require revisions to the boundaries to reduce this disparity.

Presentation from Amber D’Amato, Director of the Department of Administrative Services and Kristofer Carlson on Kitsap County Budget: The Budget Division is responsible for the compilation and management of the annual County budget. The staff provides financial analysis and forecasting to the Board of Commissioners, the County Administrator, and all departments and elected offices. The County's short- and long-term debt programs are also managed in this division, which affords operating and capital funding for the County at the lowest possible cost. Our goal is to optimize these programs to deliver cost effective and efficient services to our customers.

Kitsap County departments and offices presented their 2022 requests to the Board of County Commissioners on September 20 & 22nd. The following is a high-level overview of the **budgeting process and a summary of the changes requested** for 2022. The 2022 budget is scheduled to be adopted during a public hearing on December 6th 2021, at 5:30 PM. Supporting documents for all budget requests for next year can be found in the area below. Recordings of last year's presentations can also be found on the **Kitsap County YouTube channel**.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.