



Public Works Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 5, 2022

**Attendance:**

Councilmembers Present: Darren Robb, Andreena Bergman Absent: Councilmember Tim Pearce

City Staff: Community Development Director Patricia Love, City Planner Tansy Schroeder

Dish Representatives: Leslie Bradley, Robert Leighton

Meeting was conducted in person at City Hall. The full meeting agenda packet with detailed information can be found on the City's website at [Agenda Center](#).

Call to order at 5:30 pm

**Agenda Topics**

**1. Dish Wireless LLC Lease Agreement**

The Public Works Committee reviewed a proposal by Dish Wireless LLC to install a new wireless communications facility (WCF) on one of the City's water tanks located at 7620 278th Place NW. The communications facility will be one of the nation's first 5G networks providing increased phone and internet speeds and availability. The proposal includes installing six flush-mounted antennas, in groups of two, on the side wall of an existing city-owned water tank. The lease agreement also includes space to install a ground level concrete pad to install an equipment cabinet with conduit and underground cable feeding the antennas. Leslie Bradley and Robert Leighton, representing Dish Wireless attended the meeting and responded to questions related to aesthetics, co-location interference, site access, magnet mounting equipment, security, geographic coverage, safety, download speeds, and rates.

The Committee has mixed feelings regarding the proposal. They support the public benefits that come with healthy business competition including increased choice for data carriers, increased download speeds, better internet security, and reduced rates. However, they also have serious concerns about the aesthetics, site security and the sensitivity of having equipment and access near the city's water supply.

To keep the permit moving forward the Committee was agreeable to forwarding the lease agreement for full City Council consideration upon Dish providing the following additional information:

- List and photos of similar facilities Dish has installed in other communities
- Photo simulations of how the water tower would look with the equipment painted the same color as the tower
- Site and photo comparison if a monopole was installed instead of antennas attached to the water tower; possibly consider a pole by the sewer plant versus the water tower

**2. Country Store Street Vacation**

The Country Store recently purchased their building and the surrounding properties and have been in the process of remodeling their building. They will soon begin reconstructing their parking lot to improve pedestrian and vehicle access. As part of this process, they are requesting a street vacation to eliminate the old, unused right-of-way that runs through their front parking lot and in



exchange they will dedicate to the City the roadway along the eastern and northern boundaries of their property.

The Committee is supportive of the street vacation and recommends that staff continue to work with the Country Store on the application materials and forward to Council when ready to proceed.

### **3. Camano Street (Arts Center) Street Vacation**

To clean up the property lines and to help facilitate the development of the arts center, a street vacation is being proposed which exchanges a portion of the “furniture store parking lot” right-of-way with the Camano Street right-of-way. This exchange returns the property to nearly its historical origins but preserves sufficient area at the corner of 270th Street and Camano Street for the realignment per the Twin City Mile conceptual plans. It also ensures that all of Camano Street is held in public ownership.

The Committee is supportive of the street vacation, but prior to approving the street vacation ensure that the alignment works with the Twin City Mile / Brick Road project. Also consider if the number of access points can be reduced to help with traffic flow in the area.

### **4. Cedarside Commons Development Street Vacation**

Cedarside Commons, a new mixed-use development, located northeast of the intersection of 72nd Avenue NW and State Route 532 has been submitted for land use permit approvals. The applicant is proposing a street vacation of existing 268th Street NW and reconstructing the road northward. This request is an exchange of property to better facilitate the design of the project as well as moving the 268th Street / 72nd Avenue intersection further north of SR 532.

The Committee is supportive of the street vacation. They also provided the following recommendation on the development side of the permit: include a mechanism in the development agreement that requires some percent of the commercial development be constructed with each phase of the residential development to ensure that the developer does not walk away from the project once all of the residential units are built. They also requested a full traffic and site distance analysis of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue / SR 532, the 268<sup>th</sup> Street / 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue / SR 532 intersections.

### **5. Inland Steel Utility Easement Request**

Inland Steel, a new development in downtown Stanwood, located along 272nd Street NW (south of the school district bus barn) is requesting a utility easement to bring power to the site across a City owned 20-foot-wide strip of land located mid-block between 272<sup>nd</sup> Street and 271<sup>st</sup> Street. Inland Steel has met with Snohomish County PUD and this is the only viable path to bring power to their property. PUD has no other feasible options on 272nd St, 90th Ave, or 271st St. The proposal would consist of a 3-foot-wide trench for conduit which will then be backfilled and compacted.

The Committee is supportive of the easement with the condition that the developer work with the adjacent businesses to minimize disruptions and to repair the trench work.

The Committee adjourned at 7:45 pm