



## INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Finance & Governance Committee**  
FROM: **Laurel Humphrey, Legislative Analyst**  
DATE: **May 17, 2023**  
SUBJECT: **Jim Haggerton Honorary Street Designation**

### **ISSUE**

Honoring former Mayor Jim Haggerton for his contributions toward the City with an honorary street designation

### **BACKGROUND**

Former Mayor Jim Haggerton passed away in November 2021. He was [recognized by the City Council](#) for his outstanding character as well as the contributions he made in service to his country as a United States Marine and to the City of Tukwila during his long career in public service including as a Planning Commissioner, Councilmember, and Mayor. Last year the Finance and Governance Committee discussed an honorary street naming but set the matter aside until a new policy on naming of city property could be developed and adopted.

The City Council adopted [Resolution 2052](#) on October 3, 2022, which outlines criteria and a process for naming, including honorary street designations. The policy outlines the following criteria:

#### Section 4. Criteria for Naming City Property

A. The following unranked criteria should be used to guide decision making on naming City property:

- (1) Geographical location
- (2) Building or property's purpose
- (3) Cultural attributes
- (4) Significant historical events
- (5) Natural or geological features
- (6) City identity and image
- (7) Names of persons who have made an outstanding civic contribution to the community, or whose names are of historic significance to the area
- (8) Names of City officials who served for a minimum of 10 years and who made outstanding contributions over and above the normal duties required by their positions and had a positive impact on the past and future development of programs, projects or facilities

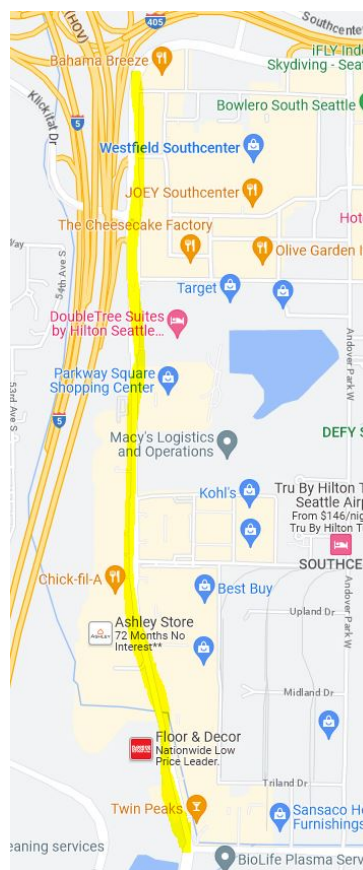
The policy outlines the following process:

Section 8. Honorary Street Designations

- A. Honorary street designations are intended to recognize and honor individuals or groups without changing the official name of the street or the official addresses of residents and businesses on the street.
- B. Requests for honorary street designations must be accompanied by written rationale for the name and significance of the proposed name to the criteria in Section 4.A.
- C. If the proposed name complies with this Policy, the City shall provide an open public comment period of 30 days that is advertised broadly including notification to all members of the City’s Boards and Commissions.
- D. The City Council shall review all public comment received in its determination as to whether the public interest is served by the proposed honorary street designation.

In 2023, a new suggestion has emerged from discussions with the Haggerton family that would designate Southcenter Parkway between Tukwila Parkway and South 180<sup>th</sup> Street as an honorary “Jim Haggerton Street,” as shown in yellow highlight to the right.

Many major development and public projects in the Tukwila Urban Center are directly related to Mayor Haggerton’s leadership including the Klickitat interchange, Tukwila South Development Agreement, Tukwila Commuter Rail station, and Southcenter Parkway.



**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff is seeking Committee direction on proceeding with the public comment period required by the naming policy.

**ATTACHMENT**

Letter from Carol Haggerton dated October 31, 2021

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To: Mayor Allan Ekberg and Tukwila City Council Members

From: Carol Haggerton, 15820 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Tukwila, WA 98188-2701

This is an informal request for consideration of having a Tukwila street named in honor of previous Mayor Jim Haggerton not only for his 30 years in government service to the City of Tukwila, but for his more than 60 years of dedication and commitment to the Tukwila Community as a whole, as a resident and Tukwila business owner, volunteering his time and expertise in leadership to our schools and youth, our seniors, our military men and women and veterans, and every resident within our city. He sincerely believed **Tukwila is the City of Opportunity, the Community of Choice** as evidenced by his desire to adopt this new city motto while in office.

Late '50's – early '60's he volunteered as a **Little League Baseball Coach and Umpire** (no children of his own at that time).

He was **President of Southcenter Rotary (1984-1985)** and hosted **Exchange Students**: A young woman from Italy on a one-year program at Foster and a young man from Germany on a summer program. He headed the local **Junior Achievement Program** mentoring young teens interested in business and becoming Entrepreneurs. Jim was involved in "**Northwest Harvest**" and their beginning efforts as a food bank, and later joined the efforts of Joe Tice for our local "**Tukwila Pantry**".

He volunteered his time and support to **Tukwila's Heritage and Cultural Center** because he considered it a valuable resource for the city.

**Jim founded his business "HACO Services, Inc." in Tukwila in 1986** and lent his support to the community by sponsoring Co-ed and women's softball teams where he became an advocate and financial supporter for our current **Tukwila Community Center**.

As a **U.S. Marine Corp. Veteran** he joined **Tukwila American Legion Post 235** and held many positions before being elected **Commander from 2006 – 2008**. He used every opportunity to speak out on the needs of our Veterans at the Local, Regional, State and National levels. Many Christmas mornings would find him at the **Seattle Veterans Hospital delivering "Sweats for Vets"** and visiting those men and women hospitalized and unable to be home for the holidays.

Jim was our local advocate for the **Boy's and Girl's State programs** at Foster High and Seattle Christian Schools, and the **Boeing Academy STEM Learning program**. He was appointed as **Government Representative** to the **SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD Strategic Planning Commission by Governor Christine Gregoire** and served for 10 years planning for the Growth and changes in our schools.

He rarely, if ever, missed a "**Night Out Against Crime**" and the chance to chat with residents about any questions or concerns they had. He had an "open door" policy to his office and welcomed all. He enjoyed having young school children visit and ask questions, and made time to visit them in their classrooms as well.

Jim made a habit of visiting **local businesses** to learn about their concerns and needs, and to celebrate with them when they were awarded **King County Small Business Awards**. At every opportunity he was an ambassador for Tukwila, citing the benefits of opening a new business in our city. He attended many ribbon cuttings – **over 300 hundred new businesses were launched in Tukwila in one just year alone**.

His pledge to provide low-income housing for Seniors was realized with the opening of Tukwila Village and the Shag Development.