

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Committee-of-the-Whole**

6:30 PM  
May 8, 2023

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
135 E. Sunset Way

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Councilmembers:*

Barbara de Michele  
Zach Hall  
Victoria Hunt  
Russell Joe  
Tola Marts (*Excused Absence*)  
Chris Reh  
Lindsey Walsh (*Excused Absence*)

*Administration/Staff:*

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator  
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator  
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Council President Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

a) **Public Comment**

The following public comment was provided:

- Gabriel Waltrep, spoke regarding a negative experience with Essex Property Trust.

b) **ID 1342 - Police, Court and City Hall Planning: Future Options**

*Presented by:*

*Autumn Monahan, Administrative Services Director  
Bob Stowe, Stowe Development and Strategies  
Mike Jobes, The Miller Hull Partnership*

The City Council provided feedback on the following questions:

1) Is Administration on the right track in which City Hall options warrant further analysis and research?

- A majority of those present expressed that, yes, the Administration is on the right track in pursuing Option A: Olde Town Campus and Option B: Central Issaquah Purchase/Renovation.
- A minority expressed that it is too soon to know if the City is on the right track until additional information is provided.

2) What other information is needed for the City Council's future deliberations?

- Whether the potential location is on a transit line.
- More information on cost comparison, including cost of debt service needed to fund Option A: Olde Town Campus.
- Criteria for the color coding on the matrix in the staff report.
- More information on Option B: Central Issaquah Purchase/Renovation.

c) **ID 1341 - 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan - City Facility Revenue Options**

*Presented by:*

*Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator*

*Robert Hamud, Chief Financial Officer*

*Gene Paul, Management Analyst*

The City Council provided feedback on the following question:

What additional information do you need to provide feedback on preferred facility revenue tools for the May 22 discussion?

- How have other communities who have built new city hall facilities financed them?
- Cost to residents for each of the three revenue options.
- Would it be possible to put a sunset date on a levy lid lift?
- Interest in reviewing existing City property to determine what could be sold to raise revenue.
- Interest in communicating with business community about potential sales tax increase.
- Interest in more specifics regarding public engagement plan.

d) **Good of the Order**

*Councilmember Joe:*

Snohomish County Leaders Assoc. and Blake Decision - The Snohomish County Council is considering their own law regarding drug related offenses; the City of Marysville passed a similar law.

*Deputy Council President Hall:*

Summer BBQ - Interest in whether to hold a City Council and Senior Leadership Team barbeque.

Salary Commission Survey - Please fill out survey.

City Administrator Bobkiewicz added that the City would be bringing forward legislation to address drug offenses at the June 5 City Council meeting. [Please note, due to subsequent state legislative action, the City did not bring forward the intended legislation on June 5.]

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:09 PM.

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Zach Hall, Deputy Council President

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk