

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

6:30 PM  
September 11, 2023

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
135 E. Sunset Way

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Councilmembers:*

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

*Administration/Staff:*

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**AGENDA ITEMS**

a) **Public Comment** - None.

b) **ID 1511 - Emergency Management Program Updates**

*Presented by:*

*Jared Schneider, Emergency Manager*

*Catherine (Cat) Robinson, Eastside Fire & Rescue Emergency Coordinator, Wildfire Mitigation*

The following individual provided public comment:

- Bruce Wendt, CERT volunteer, provided advice on precautionary measures to take regarding emergencies.

The City Council provided feedback, including:

- Overall support for the direction of the emergency management program
- Would like to see more community awareness and community response; like lower barrier ways to get the community involved, such as backpacks
- Recommend working with HOA's on home hardening, such as metal roofs; some HOA's may have restrictions in place currently to prevent these
- Encourage outreach to multifamily housing and fostering a community-based approach to emergency management
- Interest in learning more about involvement of the Urban Forester in emergency management
- Encourage using youth to help expand phone/text notification program
- Encourage larger financial proposals for the City Council to consider
- Community coordination is important
- Alternate routes and emergency access routes are important
- Interest in knowing next City Council touch point

c) **Good of the Order**

*City Administrator Bobkiewicz:*

Morocco Visit - The Mayor, Chief of Staff and Sister Cities Commission members are in Morocco visiting Issaquah's Sister City, Chefchaouen. They are safe and are looking for ways to residents to support those who were impacted by the earthquake there.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:46 PM.

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Lindsey Walsh, Council President

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk