

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Committee-of-the-Whole – Special Meeting**

7:00 PM
November 13, 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
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 approximately 7:25 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

a) The following public comment was provided:

- Cyrus Krohn, resident, made comments regarding hate crimes against the Jewish community and suggested issuance of a proclamation for Jewish Heritage Month.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **ID 1520 - Transportation Sales Tax Public Outreach Summary**

Presented by:

Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator

The following individual provided public comment:

- Linda Timone, resident, expressed support for the proposed tax.

City Council feedback included:

- Any additional feedback that can be generated before the Nov. 20 public hearing is appreciated; recommend another big communications push for the Nov. 20 public hearing.
- Request including some information about the proposed projects in the Nov. 20 public hearing presentation
- Lack of public input is disappointing
- Request providing some context in the public hearing presentation regarding the Capital Finance Community Task Force recommendation
- Expressed support for moving forward with the public hearing

b) **ID 1535 - Amending Financial Management Policies**

Presented by:

Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney

A majority of the City Council expressed support for establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on the Financial Policies through an agenda bill at an upcoming meeting.

Other City Council feedback included:

- How are we going to ensure diligence and visibility if the thresholds are raised?
- What is the number of Public Works contracts between the \$100,000-\$350,000 threshold that the City Council would no longer be seeing if the new overall threshold is increased?
- Requested clarifying language for contract authorization specifying that the contract align with the budgeted use
- Requested donation language specify that the donation be aligned with a supported project or program
- Align Section 3.7.3 with 3.7.2 regarding donations
- Suggest reiterating the financial thresholds on p. 10 above the list of items for which the Council is delegating authority
- Suggest including guidance regarding messaging to the City Council even if a threshold is not set

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Will distribute draft Legislative Priorities to the City Council for input.

Deputy Council President Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Will be following up with information for a future City Council discussion.

Council President Walsh:

Leg. Breakfast - Announced upcoming meeting on Dec. 12.

Holiday Dinner - Announced upcoming event on Nov. 28.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:57 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk