

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

6:30 PM
February 12, 2024

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

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Chris Grabowski, Deputy 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 1610 - Cascade Water Alliance Water Supply Contract Options**

City Council comments included the following:

- It was observed that the City has very good water quality.
- Encourage finding the lowest cost source of water.
- Support for the process.
- Requested being alerted if the Alliance starts to lean toward the Seattle water supply.
- Without knowing demand needs, would like more information.
- There are risks associated with long term lowest cost option.
- This is a complex decision with several moving parts.
- Since water is a fundamental necessity, would like to keep the cost to the rate payers down as much as possible.

The City Council asked for another touch on this item before Q2 decisions are made.

Without objection, the City Council took a five-minute recess.

- c) **ID 1655 - City Work Plan**

City Council comments included the following:

- Appreciation for the written reports.
- Would like to see large projects in presentation.

d) **ID 1641 - A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Strategic Plan**

City Council comments included the following:

- Some members felt that ARCH's focus has drifted, and they should be building housing.
- Plan looks good but be mindful of keeping politics out.
- Find new ways to engage public officials.
- Understand unique needs of particular jurisdictions.
- It's valuable to have elected officials on ARCH as they provide "buy in".
- Get elected officials more involved around single policy and move it forward.
- Tenant protections are important, move strategic plan in that direction.
- ARCH has been a very powerful advocate.
- ARCH should add an analysis of its strengths, needs, and threats.
- Do not support idea of ARCH adding staff for state advocacy as there are other organizations better placed for that.
- Keep focusing on housing investments.

e) **Good of the Order – None.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:23 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk