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

5:30 PM
July 15, 2024

5415 220th Ave. S.E., Issaquah
and Various Locations

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COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

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

Administration/Staff:

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk
Autumn Monahan, Administrative Services
Director
Gillian Straub, Management Analyst

FACILITIES TOUR

Purpose: *The purpose of this meeting was to allow the Issaquah City Council to tour various facilities as they consider the City's future facility needs.*

The meeting started at approximately 5:30 PM.

- a) **King County District Court**
5415 220th Ave. S.E.
Issaquah, WA 98029
- b) **Fire Station 72**
1575 NW Maple Street
Issaquah, WA 98027
- c) **Redmond Police Department**
8701 160th Avenue NE
Redmond, WA 98052

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

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

6:30 PM
July 16, 2024

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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 (*Excused Absence*)
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Kelly Richardson – Rowley Properties – spoke to the committee regarding organized retail theft.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **COM 0054 - Strategic Plan Update Task Force Report Out**

Following the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee members thanked staff and the members of the task force for their work.
- Thanked the Mayor for convening the task force.
- Committee was in support of the recommended updates.
- Staff should look at outlier items and consider where they could fit into the plan.
- Themes were on point, specifically public safety.
- More emphasis on climate action and equity.
- Committee appreciated the additional focus on infrastructure, housing, and transportation safety.
- Look for thoughtful ways housing would meet future growth.
- Clarify that housing is a collaborative effort.
- Committee wondered whether recreational programming is meeting the community's needs.
- Committee appreciated plan to convene social services every six months.
- Committee asked if it would be beneficial to broaden the definition of social service providers.
- Committee felt that a plan for the arts was missing.
- Only include actions in the plan that the City can commit to in the next five years.
- Include specific actions, not aspirations.
- Committee asked to see how the strategic plan needs are going to be reflected in the budget. Very few surprises can be worked in at the last minute.

The Committee took a five minute recess from 8:10 to 8:15 PM

b) **COM 0055 - Facilities & Revenue Options**

Following the staff presentation no one spoke at public comment.

Committee comments on different aspects of the presentation include the following:

Locations

A majority of the Committee commented that:

- There was general support for building a new fire station.
- Fire Station 71 has shortcomings which need to be addressed.
- Fire professionals have clearly demonstrated their needs.
- Community needs to be involved in the process.
- IPD space needs are also critical.
- Police and fire should not have to make do.
- Relocating Municipal Court to King County Court facility seems reasonable.
- Do not want to spend money on renting space for general government services without a clear plan.

Other Committee comments included the following:

- It is prudent to build a new fire station sooner rather than later.
- Concerned about public perception of moving the fire station across the street.
- Deferred maintenance has brought the City to this point.
- City needs to get ahead of facilities needs and not get so behind that it is in crisis mode.
- Committee had concerns about options for relocating/consolidating City Hall.
- A forward thinking plan for general government services needs to be developed.
- Would like staff to work out two or three scenarios to present to Council.

A minority of the Committee commented that:

- Not currently supportive of relocating Fire Station 71, Municipal Court, or City Hall.
- Only supportive of improvements to IPD facilities.
- The sale of City Hall Northwest does not improve the situation.
- Does not agree that Court space is in crisis and does not see economic gain in moving Court services to the King Council facility.

Deferred Maintenance

- Committee was concerned by the \$23 million assessment in deferred maintenance on city facilities.
- Communicate this clearly to the public so they understand the existing need.
- Facilities maintenance needs to be a priority.
- City should get out of the business of being a landlord to others.
- Facilities Condition Assessment indicated that better maintained buildings are most used.
- Start looking at cost/benefit of specific buildings. If not part of bond, then address them in the budget.
- Develop long term plans for building use and maintenance.

Financing

- Time to have conversation with the community about the fire station and police needs.
- Ask the public where the City should focus its spending around facilities.
- Committee generally in support of a bond measure.
- Don't go to the voters multiple times.
- Having an empty former fire station is not preferred. Present the idea of moving general government into that space to the public.
- Don't focus solely on fire and police needs. General government needs are also important.
- Some additional capital could be raised by selling unused city buildings.

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- Hire a consultant early in the process for public engagement. This should be part of the 2025 budget discussion.
- School District bond measure in November will be an indicator of public sentiment.

This topic will also be addressed further at the July 27 Council retreat.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Marts:

Mentioned the Passing of City of Algona Mayor Dave Hill.

Councilmember Hall:

Thanked staff again for work on the facilities plan.

Council President Walsh:

Made announcements related to:

- National Night Out in August.
- Summer Employee Recognition Event July 25
- Council Retreat July 27
- Logo wear is available to Councilmembers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM
July 22, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, Council President Lindsey Walsh

Excused Absence: None

Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator; Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator; Ann Marie Soto, Deputy City Attorney; Tisha Gieser, City Clerk,

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pauly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pauly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) **ID 1698 - Sister Cities Commission - Friendship Day Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Sister Cities Commission Co-Chair Stephanie Angula and Commissioners Victor Bello, Shari Gehrke, and Wendy Pickering.

b) **ID 1699 - National Night out Proclamation**

Councilmember Hunt presented the proclamation to Police Chief Paula Schwan.

c) **ID 1700 - Park Ranger Day Proclamation**

Councilmember Joe presented the proclamation to Park Ranger Alex Anderson and Summer Ranger Casey Shane to the lectern.

d) **ID 1748 - Young Artists & Authors Showcase Recognition - Top Recipients**

Sister Cities Commission Co-Chair Stephanie Angula and Mayor Pauly issued proclamations to Young Artist finalists Alan Currit and Mika Vital.

e) **ID 1742 - What Works Cities Silver Certification Recognition**

Assistant to the City Administrator Dale Markey-Crimp shared the City's award of the What Works Cities Silver Certification by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Issaquah is the first city under 50,000 population to receive the certification.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Connie Marsh, spoke regarding concerns with the amendments to the pre-application community meeting process proposed in AB 8874 - IMC Title 18 Annual Updates - Phase 1.
- Tina Hayes, Olde Town resident, expressed thanks for the recent updates to the crosswalk at Bush and 2nd Ave.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items listed were distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and were enacted with one motion.

Councilmember Hunt, Chair of the Planning, Development, and Environment Committee, summarized the Committee's recommendation on AB 8874 - IMC Title 18 Annual Updates - Phase 1.

IT WAS MOVED BY WALSH, SECONDED BY DE MICHELE; MOTION CARRIED (7-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 1733 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of July 22, 2024, \$10,175,813.26**

MOTION: Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, April 1, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, April 15, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

- d) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, April 29, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

- e) **ID 1719 - Informational Update: Economic Development Quarterly Report - Q2 2024**

MOTION: Received Report.

- f) **AB 8847 - Landmarks Commission Appointment**

MOTION: Confirmed the appointment of Russell Coil to serve as Issaquah's Special Commissioner to the King County Landmarks Commission; term effective immediately and expiring on April 30, 2027.

- g) **AB 8868 - Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County re: Disaster Recovery Site**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interlocal Agreement with Yakima County Information Technology Services for a disaster recovery site for the City's

internet communications and critical information technology systems in substantially the same form as the attached agreement, as approved by the City Attorney.

h) **AB 8874 - IMC Title 18 Annual Updates - Phase 1**

MOTION: Adopted Ordinance No. 3064, amending Chapter 18.102 IMC, Definitions; Ordinance No. 3065, amending Chapter 18.202 IMC , Applications, Chapter 18.204 IMC, Application Review, and Chapter 18.208 IMC, Site development permits; Ordinance No. 3066, amending Section 18.320.020 IMC, Short subdivision, preliminary plats, binding site plans and unit lot subdivision; Ordinance No. 3067, amending Chapter 18.402 IMC, Permitted uses, and Chapter 18.404 IMC, Form and intensity; Ordinance No. 3068, amending section 18.502.120 IMC, Home business standards in residential and commercial zones, and Chapter 18.508 IMC, Accessory uses and structures; Ordinance No. 3069, amending Chapter 18.600 IMC, Urban design and site planning, Chapter 18.604 IMC, Parking, Chapter 18.606 IMC, Landscaping, Chapter 18.610 IMC, Outdoor lighting, and Chapter 18.612 IMC, Signs; Ordinance No. 3070, amending Chapter 18.802 IMC, Critical areas regulations, and Chapter 18.812 IMC, Tree preservation; Ordinance No. 3071, amending Chapter 3.71 IMC, Traffic impact fees; and Ordinance No. 3072, amending Chapter 3.72 IMC, Park impact fees.

i) **AB 8883 - Olde Town ADA Improvements Project (TR 011)**

MOTION: Accepted the Olde Town ADA Improvements Project (TR 011) and release of the retainage to the contractor.

REGULAR BUSINESS

AB 8815 and AB 8845 were presented jointly.

a) **AB 8815 - WSDOT Fish Passage Project Agreements**

b) **AB 8845 - WSDOT Fish Passage Project City Liaison Contract**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Public Works Director Emily Moon and Utilities Engineering Manager Matt Ellis.

It was moved by Council President Lindsey Walsh; and seconded by Councilmember Chris Reh, to:

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to enter into two contracts with the Washington State Department of Transportation, GCB 3834 and UTB 1565, for reimbursement of eligible expenses pertaining to the City's review and coordination of the fish passage projects at I-90 Lewis Creek and I-90 West Village Park and Schneider Creeks in substantially the same form as the attached agreements, as approved by the City Attorney; and

Authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Perteet, Inc. in the amount of \$3,791,040 to support the City with WSDOT's fish passage projects in substantially the same form as the attached agreement, as approved by the City Attorney; and authorize the inclusion of \$160,000 in a future 2024 budget amendment for anticipated 2024 reimbursable costs.

RESULT:	Carried 7-0
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, Council President Lindsey Walsh

OPPOSED: None

AB 8837 and AB 8856 were presented jointly.

- c) **AB 8837 - PFAS Agreed Orders Partnership Interlocal Agreement with Eastside Fire and Rescue**

- d) **AB 8856 - PFAS Agreed Order - Consultant Contract Authorization**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Public Works Director Emily Moon.

It was moved by Council President Lindsey Walsh; and seconded by Councilmember Zach Hall, to:

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interlocal Agreement with Eastside Fire and Rescue for the PFAS Agreed Orders partnership in substantially the same form as the attached agreement, as approved by the City Attorney; and

Approve Resolution No. 2024-18, waiving state competitive bidding requirements for continued PFAS investigation and remediation work based on special market conditions and sole source of supply and authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Farallon Consulting in the amount of \$588,300; and

Authorize the inclusion of \$95,000 for work under this contract in a future 2024 budget amendment.

RESULT:	Carried 7-0
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, Council President Lindsey Walsh
OPPOSED:	None

- e) **AB 8879 - Solid Waste Contract Administrative Fee**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Sustainability Manager Stacy Vynne McKinstry.

It was moved by Councilmember Chris Reh; and seconded by Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, to:

MOTION: Increase the Contract Fee for the Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Compostables Collection Services Contract with Recology King County Inc. from 6% to 9% to support implementation of the Issaquah Climate Action Plan and waste diversion programming and projects effective January 1, 2025.

RESULT:	Carried 7-0
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, Council President Lindsey Walsh
OPPOSED:	None

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Made report.

Councilmember Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Fire & Rescue Finance & Administration Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hunt:

WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Made report.
 Kokanee Interlocal Management Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
 Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report.

Councilmember Reh:

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.

Councilmember Hall:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.
 Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Deputy Council President de Michele:

Regional Transit Committee - Made report.
 Eastside Port Unplugged - Summarized event.

Council President Walsh:

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - Made report.
 King County Affordable Housing Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Without objection, the Mayor stated that the City Council would move to Informational Updates and return to the Mayor's Report after the conclusion of that item.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

a) ID 1730 - Informational Update: Transit Oriented Development OC Update

King County Housing Authority Vice President Dan Landis provided an update on the Transit Oriented Development and Opportunity Center project.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- There is no executive session this evening.
- Issaquah Farmer's Market, Another Record Year!
- Summer Activities Continue to Shine
- Upcoming Events

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council President Walsh:

City Council Retreat - Announced meeting occurring this Saturday, July 27.

Deputy Council President de Michele:

Influence the Choice Banner - Will follow up in a memo.

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.