

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

6:30 PM
January 13, 2025

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

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:

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **COM 0046 - Draft Light Rail Station Area Vision and Guiding Principles**

Presented by:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

The City Council generally supported the draft vision and guiding principles. Other input included:

- Appreciative of board/commission review
- Good first step, lots of details remain to be worked out
- Language is technical, should be more understandable and plain spoken
- Conflicts and challenges identified, but there is not a clear policy path. Does not include solutions.

The City Council was supportive of having this item return to the Committee of the Whole in February before coming to the Council for final action in March. [Note. This item is now scheduled to return to the March 10 Committee of the Whole.]

b) **COM 0093 - Central Issaquah Station Area Planning Study & Engagement Plan**

Presented by:

Thomas Valdriz, Senior Transportation Planner

City Council provided feedback in response to the following questions:

Questions or concerns about the study's proposed Station Area Planning Report?

- What is the report back cycle?

Questions or concerns on the study's proposed public engagement plan?

- Recommend expanding outreach to faith groups, such as the Hindu population, Jewish synagogues, St. Michael's, Our Savior Lutheran Church, and the Interfaith Council.
- Recommend including Issaquah School District in business outreach

c) **COM 0094 - Public Safety Facilities Next Steps**

Presented by:

Autumn Monahan, Administrative Services Director

A majority of the City Council was supportive of the Community Task Force's proposed plan.

Other feedback included:

- Would like facility maintenance needs to be considered, if possible
- Looking forward to also discussing operation needs in the future
- Appreciate having a broad task force of up to 23 members

GOOD OF THE ORDER – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:33 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Council President

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk