

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

6:30 PM
April 6, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Paul Adair
Kelly Jiang
Russell Joe
Tola Marts
Kevin Nichols
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator
Cassidy Mueller, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **COM 0227 - Public Safety & Civic Facilities Update**

Presented by:

Autumn Monahan, Administrative Services Director

City Council input included:

- General support for Administration's proposal and next steps.
- Acknowledgement that Police need proper facilities and equipment.
- Mindfulness around funds available and renovation costs.
- Some concerns about long-term leasing of a city hall facility.
- Interest in staff providing Council several remodel options with costs for the remodel of City Hall to facilitate Police's use of the full building including a bare minimum option, a high-end option, and a middle option.
- Interest in understanding how costs per square foot are calculated.
- Desire to take remodel costs into consideration alongside all other options the public safety funds could be used for.
- Desire for a tour of the Police facilities for new Councilmembers.

b) **COM 0228 - Potential Park Bond Renewal**

Presented by:

Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director

The following public comment was provided:

- Christian Canham, resident, spoke regarding general support of the proposed parks projects, mindfulness of recurring and ongoing costs for the projects, and support for three of the proposed projects: restrooms and security improvements for the Bill Ramos Trailhead and Bullitt Fireplace Trailhead improvements, and the Cougar Mountain and Squak Mountain corridors.

City Council input included:

- Interest in possible grant funding available if the Ek House achieves Landmark status.
- Desire to understand which projects were selected to be funded by the proposed bond and which were not.
- Varied opinions regarding bonds, including which is in the best interest of the community: proposing to renew the expiring park bond, proposing a larger bond, or a bond for other capital projects.
- Desire for more information about costs of each proposed project, including what other funding sources might be available for each.
- Interest in creating a central vision for the project(s) proposed for a park bond.
- Interest in a variety of park projects that could help maximize value to the diverse needs and desires of the community.

GOOD OF THE ORDER - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:33 PM.

Cassidy Mueller, Deputy City Clerk