

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:30 PM
February 4, 2013

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Frisinger called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Eileen Barber
Fred Butler
Joe Forkner
Stacy Goodman
Tola Marts (*Excused Absence*)
Joshua Schaer
Paul Winterstein

Administration/Staff:

Ava Frisinger, Mayor
Bob Harrison, City Administrator
Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney
Christine Eggers, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Frisinger, with local Boy Scout Troop 609, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) Mayor's State of the City Address

Mayor Frisinger provided the State of the City Address (attached hereto and incorporated by reference,) referencing Issaquah's past and outlining notable achievements as well as present and future successes to come.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- Kate Kaluzny, 441 NE Alder Street, provided a letter to the Mayor, Council and City Attorney regarding the plastic bag ban.
- Marina Bridenbaugh and Kevin Ottinger, presented a Disc Golf Proposal at Confluence Parks (handout provided.)
- Robin Kelley, 155 NE Gilman Blvd., thanked the Mayor for her years of service and delivery of the State of the City Address. Ms. Kelley also thanked the City for its support and in-kind services provided to make Salmon Days Festival a successful event (handout provided.) Ms. Kelley spoke about "Winter Brews" community event and announced the 2013 Salmon Days Festival theme, "Streaming Live".
- Danielle Rieger, 430 NE Alder Street, new resident, spoke about tolling I-90 and concern that Mercer Island will leverage reduced or waived tolling fees for the island residents and that the weight of the toll will be paid by others, e.g. Bellevue and Issaquah residents.

- Alison Bailey, 925 5th Avenue NW B106, spoke regarding the sale the Sammamish Club and the opportunity for the City to develop a program for 300+ tennis players who are now displaced.
- Liz Tidyman, Bellevue resident who spoke on behalf of "elders" residing in Timber Ridge at Talus. A Washington State Department of Health public hearing will be held at the Issaquah Library on February 28, 2013, at 1:00 PM, regarding the Briarwood Nursing Home. Ms. Tidyman encouraged the City to share this public hearing notice with other interested staff, departments and/or related boards/commissions (handout provided.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land & Shore Committee – Stacy Goodman, Chair:

The proposed agenda was reviewed for the next regular meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at City Hall South.

Utilities, Technology, & Environment Committee – Joe Forkner, Chair:

Council President Butler noted that Councilmember Forkner will serve as the Chair of the Utilities, Technology & Environment Committee and also serve as the City's representative for Eastside Fire & Rescue. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Pickering Room at CHNW.

Transportation Committee – Joshua Schaer, Chair:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2013 at 5:00 PM in the Pickering Room at City Hall NW. The proposed agenda was reviewed.

Services & Safety Committee – Eileen Barber, Chair:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2013 at 5:00 PM in the Eagle Room at City Hall. The proposed agenda was reviewed.

Deputy Council President – Paul Winterstein:

No report.

Council President's Report – Fred Butler:

A Special Council Workshop will be held on February 20, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Eagle Room to discuss the Central Issaquah area Design Standards. The Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2013 at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers. The City Council will continue discussion on Council Committee Structures at this meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- a) Joe Forkner was welcomed to the City Council.
- b) There will not be an Executive Session meeting this evening.
- c) There have been two confirmed cases of measles in King County. Please visit the City's website at www.issaquahwa.gov for more information on symptoms and potential exposure to the virus.
- d) A Free Energy Efficiency Workshop will be held in Issaquah from 5:30-7 p.m. February 12th at the Pickering Barn. The workshop will focus on how homeowners can achieve greater energy savings with less time and money invested.
- e) A free Health and Safety Fair will be held from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. February 9th at the Pickering Barn. More than 50 health and safety professionals will be under one roof at this event.

- f) The three large Douglas Firs in section three of the historic Lower Hillside Cemetery at 305 W. Sunset Way were proclaimed as "**Heritage Trees**."

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

IT WAS MOVED BY WINTERSTEIN, SECONDED BY GOODMAN, MOTION CARRIED (6-0) TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) Accounts: Payables and Payroll, February 4, 2013; **Approved.**
 - i. Accounts Payable Checks **143398** through **143448** in the amount of **\$66,644.39**
 - ii. Accounts Payable Checks **143449** through **143450** in the amount of **\$9,455.21**
 - iii. Accounts Payable Check **143451** through **143651** in the amount of **\$719,316.76**
 - iv. Accounts Payable Check Voided **143545** in the amount of **(\$372.79)**
 - v. Payroll Checks **73833** through **73885** in the amount of **\$44,408.68**
 - vi. Payroll Benefit Checks **73886** through **73894** in the amount of **\$68,323.97**
 - vii. Direct Deposits **55343** through **55614** in the amount of **\$1,047,792.93**
 - viii. Payroll Wire Transfer Check **859** through **861** in the amount of **\$558,001.58**
 - ix. Payroll Wire Transfer Checks **863** through **865** in the amount of **\$432,506.33**
- b) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, January 22, 2013; **Approved.**
- c) AB 6552 - Franchise Agreement, Zayo Group, LLC; **(1) Adopted Ordinance No. 2667, granting to Zayo Group, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, a non-exclusive franchise to install, operate, and maintain a communication system in, on, over, upon, along, and across certain designated public rights-of-way of the City of Issaquah, Washington, prescribing certain rights, duties, terms, and conditions with respect thereto; and, (2) Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Franchise Agreement with Zayo Group, LLC.**
- d) AB 6559 - American Tower Cell Lease Renewal; **Referred AB 6559 to the February 21, 2013 Council Utilities, Technology and Environment Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**
- e) AB 6562 - Water System Plan Update; **Referred AB 6562 to the February 21, 2013 Council Utilities, Technology & Environment Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**
- f) AB 6563 - Holiday Inn Lift Station Budget Request; **Referred AB 6563 to the February 21, 2013 Council Utilities, Technology, & Environment Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**
- g) AB 6564 - Ratifying GMPC (Growth Management Planning Council) Amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies, Including Changes in Potential Annexation Boundaries, Adding New Policies Regarding School Siting, and Adding a New Housing Chapter; **Referred AB 6564 to the February 12, 2013, Council Land and Shore Committee Meeting for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**
- h) AB 6565 - 2013 Docket of Proposed Amendments to Comprehensive Plan; **Referred AB 6565 to the February 12, 2013, Council Land & Shore Committee meeting for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**

- i) AB 6566 - Amending IMC Chapter 18.07.135 Mechanical Screening and Creating IMC 18.07.136 Noise Control; **Referred AB 6566 to the February 12, 2013, Council Land & Shore Committee meeting for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**
- j) AB 6567 - Extension or Termination of IMC 3.71.060(E) - Transportation Impact Fee Payment For Commercial Uses 10,000 Sq. Ft. or Less; **Referred AB 6567 to the February 12, 2013, Council Land & Shore Committee meeting for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**
- k) AB 6568 - ARCH 2012 Fall Round Housing Trust Fund Recommendation; **Referred AB 6568 to the February 11, 2013, Council Services & Safety Committee meeting for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**
- l) AB 6569 - Proposed 2013 ARCH Work Program and Administrative Budget; **Referred AB 6569 to the February 11, 2013, Council Services & Safety Committee meeting for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 4, 2013.**
- m) AB 6570 - 2012 Maintenance Overlay Project, Contract MC12-1; **Accepted the work performed by Lakeside Industries for the 2012 Maintenance Overlay Project, Contract MC12-1, in the amount of \$476,576.74 and released the performance bond.**
- n) AB 6572 - Amended & Restated Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA) Interlocal Agreement & Related Articles of Incorporation; **Referred AB 6572 to the February 11, 2013 Council Services & Safety Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on February 19, 2013.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Christine Eggers, City Clerk

Ava Frisinger, Mayor

Note:

- 1) Unless otherwise indicated, all documents submitted at City Council meetings are on file with the City Clerk.
- 2) For detailed/background information on items, please see Agenda Bills on file with the City Clerk.

State of the City - 2013

Each year, we set aside this time to step away from our day-to-day work, and reflect on both our accomplishments from the past year, and our goals ahead.

Tonight, I'd like to start with something a little different. We are at a pivotal moment in Issaquah's history – one that should force us to pause on the broader picture.

The year is 1998.

Our City Hall on Sunset Way doesn't exist, nor did the current library. FISH is a young organization, and Costco only settled its headquarters here two years ago. King County is purchasing the East Lake Sammamish Trail, and federal officials officially decide to designate the Mountains to Sound greenway as a National Scenic Byway.

Meanwhile, the first residents of Issaquah Highlands – a profoundly innovative master-planned community on Grand Ridge – unpack their moving boxes, settle in to their new homes and start building lasting relationships with their new neighbors.

A community was born, nestled among more than 1,500 acres of now-protected and untouched open space.

I'm sure many of us remember the Highlands project during its initial years. Issaquah embraced smart-growth philosophies that enabled us to accommodate new development, as well as protect our environment and existing neighborhoods.

It was a bold, daring and risky idea. How would this growth REALLY affect the environment, our residents or the local economy?

The answer is, we didn't know.

Ultimately, the key to our success was this: A clear vision of sustainability, with a flexible plan that could always change based on our community's needs.

From Pickering Farm to Talus, we've seen this process over and over again. It's what makes Issaquah so special.

While we've grown by more than 140 percent since 1998, most would say we still have that small-town feel. Why? Our citizens are heard. We care about each other and our larger community.

Last year, Issaquah's representatives made a similar, brave decision to plan for the next wave of growth.

The Central Issaquah Plan will now guide the long-term evolution of our commercial core from a collection of strip malls, parking lots and office buildings into a more sustainable urban area that will meet our community's needs for environmental protection, jobs, housing and rapid transit.

While we don't know all the answers, I'm confident 30 years from now, Issaquah will be celebrating similar successes. We have the dedicated citizens, businesses, volunteers and public servants to address any challenges along the way.

That's why, after 15 years of service, I'm confident that by the end of this year, it will be the perfect time for me to retire as mayor.

Since 1998, when I was first sworn in, I pledged to help us become a more sustainable community.

While that vision hasn't changed after all of these years, our techniques have. We've tackled this challenge from all sides – open space preservation, road improvements, public safety, green building and a commitment to human services, to name a few.

Our most recent efforts include creating a dedicated department to economic development, ensuring Issaquah's strong local economy not only sustains, but grows.

With a focus on enhanced customer service, as well as open, transparent communication, the City recently launched its new-and-improved website, making it easier for online visitors to access City services on their own time.

In addition, I'm extremely proud of the City's work to help secure \$4 million in state funds to improve fish passage near the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery.

When completed, this will be one of the largest – and most significant – habitat restoration projects in our region that will take a significant step forward in salmon recovery.

Last year, we also finalized a development agreement with Lakeside Industries that will enable 120 acres of its mining property to become mixed-use development, including new homes, commercial or both.

Nearby, construction is well underway for Grand Ridge Plaza, which will include a new grocery store, 12-screen movie theatre and other retail shops in the Issaquah Highlands.

I'm thrilled our residents will soon have more places to shop, work and play.

While it's important to celebrate our recent successes, tonight I'd also like to focus on our future challenges to not only maintain, but strengthen our sustainability.

As we've heard from both our citizens and business owners, we must work to address traffic congestion in North Issaquah.

Several roads in this area are simply overloaded, which is a problem for residents, shoppers, visitors, employees and deliveries.

One funding option, which the City Council will be considering this year, is to create a Local Improvement District that's paid for by the nearby property owners. City contributions, along with state and federal grants could also supplement this effort.

As Issaquah continues to grow, we are also growing as a regional player on the Eastside and Pacific Northwest. We've taken great first steps to ensure our voice is heard on a larger scale, including hiring a part-time lobbyist to champion our legislative agenda.

During my time as Mayor, I have served on a variety of regional boards and commissions, enabling Issaquah to significantly weigh in on environmental, affordable housing, health and human service issues. I call upon our community leaders to continue this important effort and remain a regional player.

Speaking of regional partners, we've started a process to revitalize a true gem for this region – Lake Sammamish State Park.

From wildlife viewing areas to a lodge, our community has plenty of innovative ideas for what the amenity should include. The next steps are to refine and narrow these ideas into an action plan.

In addition, work is underway to study the potential impacts of Issaquah annexing nearly two square miles known as the Klahanie Potential Annexation Area. This area includes the Klahanie master-planned community, which is located northeast of Issaquah, along with 13 other smaller neighborhoods nearby.

Once the study is completed this spring, it's time that a final decision is made. Clarity is needed for both Issaquah and the residents of the Klahanie PAA.

Meanwhile, our work on the Central Issaquah Plan is just beginning. Once specific development and design standards are adopted, our next goal is to work with developers and property owners to focus on implementation.

As we transition to a new mayor next year, I am confident we have a wonderful, supportive and professional team at City Hall that will continue finding new and innovative ways to provide exceptional customer service to our community.

We're looking at ways to empower our employees at all levels of the organization, which will only enhance our efficiencies, creativity and overall performance.

Throughout my time as Mayor, I've often said that it's not about the "or" – we must focus on the "and."

For example, there are solutions to preserving the environment AND accommodating growth. The Issaquah Highlands story reflects this.

We should never view our growing to-do list as a collection of competing interests. The challenge we all have is finding ways for these priorities to succeed together.

As we all know – there's no ultimate playbook for how to create a successful, sustainable community. But that's alright.

We have the right vision, people and passion here in Issaquah to continue this hard work, both tomorrow and in the years to come. Thank you.