

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**City Council Regular meeting**

7:00 PM  
 February 2, 2015

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
 135 E. Sunset Way

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Councilmembers:*

Eileen Barber  
 Stacy Goodman  
 Tola Marts  
 Nina Milligan  
 Mary Lou Pauly  
 Joshua Schaer  
 Paul Winterstein

*Administration/Staff:*

Fred Butler, Mayor  
 Bob Harrison, City Administrator  
 Zachary Lell, Acting City Attorney  
 Christine Eggers, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Butler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- a) AB 6943 - Mayor's State of the City Address

Mayor Butler presented the State of the City Address (attached hereto and incorporated by reference,) recognizing Issaquah's past and outlining notable achievements as well as present and future successes to come. "Our community is vibrant, our future is hopeful and the state of our city is strong."

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were none.

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Milligan:*

King Conservation District -- An update from the previous meeting was provided. The next meeting will be scheduled in April.

Chamber of Commerce -- An update from the previous meeting was provided.

Cascade Water Alliance -- An update from the previous meeting was provided.

*Councilmember Pauly:*

Land & Shore Committee -- The next meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers. The next meeting will be held March 12, 2015.

*Councilmember Tola Marts:*

Council Services & Safety Committee -- The next meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Eagle Room.

Sound Cities Association, Public Issues Committee (PIC) -- The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2015.

*Councilmember Joshua Schaer:*

Council Infrastructure Committee -- The February meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 5:30 PM in the Pickering Room at City Hall Northwest.

Eastside Transportation Partnership -- The next meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2015 at 7:30 AM in Bellevue School District Headquarters.

*Councilmember Eileen Barber:*

No report.

*Deputy Council President Stacy Goodman:*

Eastside Fire & Rescue -- An update from the previous goal setting meeting was provided. The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2015 at 4:00 PM at headquarters.

*Council President Paul Winterstein:*

Expressed gratitude for the positive State of the City address.

Council Work Session -- The February Council Committee work session has been cancelled.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

- a) On this day in 1899, state lawmakers officially renamed our town from Gilman to Issaquah.
- b) An Executive Session will be held this evening for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining agreements RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b). This item is expected to take approximately 30 minutes. Action is anticipated to follow in open session.
- c) A briefing on Governor Inslee's proposed Carbon Pollution Accountability Act was provided at the January 22, 2015 PSRC Executive Board meeting
- d) Recap of agenda items from Sound Transit's meeting of January 22, 2015.
- e) The Cascade Board discussion focused on long term planning.
- f) On January 28, 2015 a visit to Olympia occurred to meet with members of the senate. Discussions on I-90 corridor funding needs as well as our \$2.5m and the capital request for Confluence Park.
- g) On January 28, 2015 SCA Regional Board held a committee orientation. The Mayor was joined with Councilmembers Winterstein, Marts, and Milligan to receive updates on King County and PSRC 2015 issues as well as roles and responsibilities of SCA appointees.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**IT WAS MOVED BY WINTERSTEIN, SECONDED BY GOODMAN, MOTION CARRIED (7-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

- a) Accounts: Payables and Payroll, February 2, 2015; **Approved.**
- b) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, January 20, 2015; **Approved.**
- c) AB 6937 - Library Board Annual Report and Amendments to IMC 2.28; **Referred AB 6937 to the February 10, 2015 Council Services & Safety Committee meeting for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on February 17, 2015.**
- d) AB 6941 - WRIA 8 Interlocal Agreement; **Referred AB 6941 to the February 10, 2015 Council Safety & Services Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on or after March 2, 2015.**
- e) AB 6942 - Public Defense Monitoring Interlocal Agreement and Related Grant Acceptance; **Referred AB 6942 to the February 10, 2015 Council Services & Safety Committee Meeting, returning to the full Council on February 17, 2015.**
- f) AB 6944 - ARCH 2015 Proposed Work Program and Administrative Budget; **Referred AB 6944 to the February 10, 2015 Council Services & Safety Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council no later than March 16, 2015.**
- g) AB 6945 - ARCH Fall 2014 Housing Trust Fund Recommendation; **Referred AB 6944 to the February 10, 2015 Council Services & Safety Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council no later than March 16, 2015.**
- h) AB 6947 - 2015 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments; **Referred AB 6947 to the February 12, 2015, Council Land & Shore Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on March 2, 2015.**
- i) AB 6949 - Additional Staff Authorization for Public Works Engineering Department; **Referred AB 6949 to the February 10, 2015 Council Services & Safety Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on February 17, 2015.**

## REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) AB 6950 - Collective Bargaining Agreements

Mayor Butler explained any action on this item will follow the Executive Session briefing provided by HR Manager Debbie Mills.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:37 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining agreements, RCW 42.30.140 (4)(b). The item was expected to take 30 minutes.

## REGULAR BUSINESS -- Cont.

Mayor Butler reconvened the regular meeting at 8:10 PM.

- a) AB 6950 - Collective Bargaining Agreements

**IT WAS MOVED BY WINTERSTEIN, SECONDED BY GOODMAN, TO:**

Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the 2015-2016 labor contracts for Issaquah

Administrative Staff Association as negotiated.

**MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

*Council President Winterstein commented on the good faith negotiations conducted and thanked those involved in the process.*

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Councilmember Tola Marts:

*Sound Cities Association, Public Issues Committee (PIC) – Discuss on bonding against a portion of future hotel/motel taxes for use in building affordable housing.*

Councilmember Joshua Schaer:

Bellevue College Foundation -- 16th Annual "Become Exceptional Luncheon" on April 14, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

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Christine Eggers, City Clerk

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Fred Butler, Mayor

## State of the City

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*Mayor Fred Butler – Feb. 2, 2015*

### Introduction

My fellow citizens, community members, business leaders, City employees and Issaquah City Council members, I am honored to appear before you tonight to present my State of the City address.

As I enter my second year as mayor, I see every day how our community is evolving. It is not the same Issaquah I moved to 25 years ago.

It is more prosperous, more diverse and more connected than at any time in its history, all because our community is improving every day.

All around us, Issaquah is undergoing a transformation that started more than two decades ago, as our community began to grow from a small town into a small city.

As I stand before you tonight, our community is vibrant, our future is hopeful and the state of our city is strong.

Now more than ever, Issaquah is the best place for you to invest your future.

Every day, new residents make their home here, new businesses open their doors and new visitors experience Issaquah's treasures for the first time.

In ways large and small, concrete and conceptual, we are working every day to build your future.

We are building a future for everybody — for the cashier at Costco and the surgeon at Swedish, for the preschooler at the Issaquah Community Center and the PTA parent at Issaquah Valley Elementary, for the volunteer at the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank and the retiree at Timber Ridge.

### Building Your Future

I am grateful for the opportunities ahead of us, but I am mindful of the hard work that is necessary to maintain Issaquah as an outstanding place to live, work, play, learn and visit.

For generations, our community has welcomed new residents with open arms. Issaquah has always been a city of neighbors, of strong families and of deep community ties.

Now, as we enter our 12th decade as a city and as we change the way we grow, our values remain the same. As our community evolves, we will always work to improve the lives of our people, protect our planet and strengthen our economic prosperity.

We cannot build your future alone. We are building your future by collaborating with citizens, businesses, nonprofits, schools and community organizations to find solutions to our shared challenges.

In the past 123 years, our community has grown from a small, frontier mining town into a hub for innovation. Today, our community is one of the most desirable places to live for people of all ages — from twentysomethings working at startups to outdoor enthusiasts seeking the perfect place to retire.

As we move deeper into a new century, we have redefined the way Issaquah will grow in the decades ahead — up, not out; compact, not sprawling; and more reliant on our feet, not on our cars.

Throughout our business district, the future is being built right before our eyes as the Central Issaquah Plan moves from idea to reality.

We recently finalized an agreement with Costco Wholesale that will enable the nation's second-largest retailer to grow its international headquarters here in Issaquah.

Collaborating with Issaquah's business community, our combined efforts allow us to enhance our economic prosperity, help small businesses succeed and promote our community as a tourist destination.

With guidance from our citizens and a goal set by our City Council, we are working with the Downtown Issaquah Association to ensure Olde Town retains its charm, historic character and lively commercial district.

## **Healthy Community**

We are building your future to ensure Issaquah grows into a healthier community as time passes.

Soon, our City Hall team will add a social sustainability coordinator to spearhead our human services strategy and coordinate efforts with our partners, including the Issaquah Drug Free Community Coalition, Eastside Baby Corner, AtWork and the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank.

Our community — like cities throughout the Puget Sound region and the nation — is not immune to the challenges of homelessness, substance abuse and mental illness. Despite these challenges, Issaquah is a safe community that respects the dignity, rights and safety of everyone.

We are fortunate to live in a community that is working together across government, businesses, nonprofits and citizens to address these issues and further improve Issaquah's outstanding quality of life.

Part of our healthy community strategy is to provide more opportunities for our citizens to enjoy Issaquah's natural beauty and recreation programs.

Thanks to strong support from our community, construction will start this year on a new skate park.

In 2014, using dollars from a bond approved by more than two-thirds of our voters, we improved our parks, and gave our children better places to play.

I am proud to say that our team consistently delivers these projects on time and on budget.

In the year ahead, we will reopen Julius Boehm Pool, a community asset that was once crumbling due to age.

Now, thanks to support from our voters, our renovated pool will save us thousands of dollars in energy costs annually. In addition, it will be a more welcoming environment for the hundreds of swim lessons, fitness classes and swim meets we host each year.

## **Mobility**

We are also building your future to make it easier for you to move through Issaquah, whether you're on a bike, on a bus, on foot or behind the wheel.

Every day, we are working to address the most pressing challenge facing our community — traffic.

Last month, our City Council made a wise decision to overhaul the way our community pays for improvements to our roads and transportation system.

Recently, we were awarded nearly \$18 million in state grants to help move goods and people on some of our most heavily-used streets.

Upcoming projects will improve East Lake Sammamish Parkway and extend Southeast 62nd Street. A long-awaited transformation of Northwest Dogwood Street will replace a narrow bridge, and improve access for bicyclists and pedestrians along this important corridor.

With our Mobility Master Plan, we are literally creating a roadmap for the future, by building a framework to guide projects for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians, as well as transit and parking.

Let me be clear: These investments will require broad support from our community in order to be successful. It is the shared responsibility of government, businesses and citizens to invest in our future.

The success of our community's vision for the future also hinges on regional transit investments. As your voice on the Sound Transit board, it is my highest priority to include Issaquah in future plans for high capacity transit service.

To increase opportunities for future transit investment, we recently submitted our application to make Issaquah a regional center for housing and employment growth, as well as a stronger candidate for regional transportation dollars.

In the short term, King County Metro will launch a new shuttle route to connect Issaquah to the Snoqualmie Valley. This new service will offer another option for commuters, and relieve some of the pressure on the popular Issaquah Highlands Park & Ride.

I applaud our partners for recognizing the need in our communities and expanding transit options throughout our region.

## **Innovation**

A strong economy is vital as we build your future.

To attract new businesses and additional investment, we will work with our partners to improve our regional presence and show innovators throughout the Pacific Northwest that Issaquah is open for business.

We will capitalize on our community's reputation for creative thinking by identifying and growing businesses that complement our community.

After identifying opportunities last year, we have taken the first steps to market Issaquah as a tourism destination. Moving forward, we will work with our community to share with visitors all that makes Issaquah unique.

Throughout 2014 — with some help from Salmon Days, Sasquatch and the Seahawks — we reached more than 10 million people online. By featuring Issaquah through our website and social media platforms, we showed the world what makes us special while creating a sense of community here at home.

## **Team Quah**

As we build your future, we are strengthening our fiscal foundation to fund tomorrow's priorities.

Our balanced budget funds critical needs now and restructures our finances for the future.

I want to thank the business community for working with us to make much-needed changes to our B&O tax structure and the way our community pays for growth.

I am fond of saying our team at City Hall emphasizes projects over paper — or, put another way, we place a high value on results.

Soon, we will share the results from our recent community survey — a crucial step as we work to provide the best possible service to our customers, whether it's face-to-face or through your smartphone.

At City Hall, our team of innovators is the key to our success. We are fortunate to have outstanding employees who treat their colleagues as a second family.

By changing the way we do business, your government is more friendly, flexible and responsive than ever. Our goal every day is simple: to provide the best possible service to you — our customers.

For instance, we will soon cut our land-use permitting process by 50 percent, from an average of 162 days to 80 days.

To boost our productivity and increase collaboration across departments, our team is implementing a welcome upgrade to our financial system.

I cannot thank our team enough for its dedication and hard work. When I walk into City Hall every morning, I am reminded that this is the best job I have ever had.

## **Conclusion**

Our team at City Hall is representative of our broader community. In Issaquah, we are confident in our identity and our vision for the future — traits that are reflected in the high caliber of our public servants and our civic discourse.

In the past year, we strengthened ties with other agencies, resolved differences in a constructive way and worked with the City of Sammamish to chart a path forward for our neighbors in the Klahanie area. These endeavors allowed us to add to a long legacy of regional cooperation and further enhance our reputation throughout the Puget Sound region.

As you can see, your community and your government are constantly evolving. Now more than ever, Issaquah is the best place for you to invest your future.

In the year ahead, we will seize the opportunities ahead of us, deepen our community partnerships, find innovative solutions to challenges, and build your future in a community that is an outstanding place to live, work, play, learn and visit.

I am proud to be your mayor.