

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
February 16, 2016

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

MINUTES

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Eileen Barber
Stacy Goodman
Tola Marts
Mary Lou Pauly (*Excused Absence*)
Bill Ramos
Jennifer Sutton
Paul Winterstein

Administration/Staff:

Fred Butler, Mayor
Bob Harrison, City Administrator
Wayne Tanaka, City Attorney
Tisha Gieser, Deputy 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 7108 - 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. "The state of our city is strong, and we have a solid foundation where we will build a bright and sustainable future."

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

John McCulley, 2201 NW Talus Drive - Spoke regarding chemicals found in water in Well 4 and the disposal of hazardous materials.

The following individuals spoke in support of increased human services grant funding considered as part of AB 7120:

- Christy Becker, Associate Director, Hopelink
- Helen Banks Routon, Director, Eastside Baby Corner
- Terry Pottmeyer, CEO, Friends of Youth
- Dale Hoover, Sound Generations
- Corey Walters, Executive Director, Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank
- Mariah Betisse, Chair, Human Services Commission

The following individuals expressed concern regarding the senior center:

- David Kappler, 255 SE Andrews St.
- Regina Poirrer, 280 SW Clark St.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS*Councilmember Ramos:*

- SCA Transit Caucus -- Attended the previous meeting. The next meeting will be held February 17, 2016.
- SCA Regional Transit Committee -- Attended the previous meeting. The next meeting will be held February 17, 2016.
- Eastside Transportation Partnership -- Summarized the previous meeting.
- Eastside Transportation Association Meeting -- The next meeting will be held February 17, 2016.

Councilmember Sutton:

- Eastside Human Services Forum -- The next meeting will be a winter assembly joint hosted with the Alliance of Eastside Agencies on February 24, 2016.
- Economic Development Council of Seattle and King County -- The next meeting will be held February 25, 2016.

Councilmember Winterstein:

- PSRC Growth Management Policy Board -- Summarized the previous meeting.
- Eastside Fire & Rescue Board -- Summarized the previous meeting at which the new Fire Chief was sworn in.
- Infrastructure Committee -- The next meeting will be February 18, 2016.

Councilmember Marts:

- Services & Safety Committee -- Summarized the previous meeting.
- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee -- Summarized the previous meeting.
- King County Growth Management Planning Council -- The next meeting will be held March 30, 2016.
- King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee -- Summarized the previous meeting.
- WA State Emergency Management Council -- The next meeting will be held March 3, 2016.
- Regional E911 Strategic Plan Scoping Committee Leadership Group -- The next meeting will be held in March.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- a) There will be an Executive Session held this evening for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real estate RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b). This item is expected to take approximately 20 minutes. Action is anticipated to follow in open session.
- b) The monthly Meet the Mayor occurred February 6, 2016 at the Depot. There was a full range of topics discussed including affordable housing, traffic and senior services.
- c) A Traffic Task Force Open House at Blakely Hall was held on February 10, 2016. It was well attended and had enthusiastic discussions about Issaquah's traffic and potential improvements.
- d) Attended the Cascade Water Alliance Board meeting on February 3, 2016 and was elected Chair of the Board for 2016; Bellevue Mayor John Stokes was elected Vice Chair and Penny Sweet, Secretary.

- e) Attended the February 11, 2016 PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB) meeting. Following the Board meeting, King County Members of the TPB reviewed and took action on the 2016 King County Project Evaluation Committee (KCPEC) grant funding project selection program structure, process and allocation of funding to the Countywide programs.
- f) The EPA is planning to issue a new advisory level for some PFCs, and recently reduced the amount of water pumped from Well 4. New water samples show the maximum level of PFOS at the tap has been reduced from 0.106 parts per billion to 0.0772 parts per billion. PFOA was again not detected.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- a) Accounts: Payables and Payroll, February 16, 2016; **Approved \$ 2,982,440.15.**

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CHECK NUMBERS	AMOUNT
Accounts Payable Checks	160102 to 160114	11,923.24
Accounts Payable Checks	160115 to 160303	1,737,787.28
Payroll Benefit Checks	160304 to 160328	126,929.84
Accounts Payable Checks	160329 to 160330	73,834.26
		\$ 1,950,474.62

PAYROLL	CHECK NUMBERS	AMOUNT
Payroll Checks	78508 to 78570	31,995.18
Direct Deposits	75336 to 75611	568,966.34
Payroll Wire Transfer Checks	48 to 52	431,004.01
		\$ 1,031,965.53

- b) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, February 1, 2016; **Approved.**
- c) Minutes: City Council Committee Work Session, February 8, 2016; **Approved.**
- d) AB 7089 - Department of Ecology Coordinated Prevention Grant; **Authorized the Mayor to execute the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology and accept the Coordinated Prevention Grant funds.**
- e) AB 7092 - Healthy Community Initiative; **Directed Administration to proceed with the Community Needs Assessment as described.**
- f) AB 7143 - King County Conservation Futures Tax Levy (CFT) 2017 Grant Application; **Authorized submittal of the 2017 King County Conservation Futures Tax Levy (CFT) grant application to the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Open Space Acquisitions Unit.**
- g) AB 7144 - King County Conservation Futures Interlocal Cooperation Agreement; **Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the amendment to the agreement for 2014 and 2015 King County Conservation Futures Levy funds.**

- h) AB 7146 - 4Culture Preservation Projects Grant Application; **Authorized submission of a 4Culture Preservation Projects grant application for \$15,000 to fund a historic property inventory survey.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) AB 7104 - Senior Services Reinvestment Plan

Introduced by Mayor Butler and presented by Martha Sassarossi, Human Services Coordinator. Following Council discussion,

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

Refer AB 7104 to the March 8, 2016 Council Services & Safety Committee for review and recommendation, returning to full Council March 21, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

- b) AB 7120 - Human Services 2017-2018 Grant Funding Target

Introduced by Mayor Butler. Presented by Councilmember Marts. Following Council discussion,

IT WAS MOVED BY MARTS, SECONDED BY BARBER, TO:

Authorize the Administration to set the 2017-2018 human services grant target funding level at \$371,500 (Option B).

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council President Goodman:

Urbanized Film - Special screening followed by panel discussion at 6:30 PM, February 24, 2016 at Blakely Hall, Issaquah Highlands.

Councilmember Sutton:

Resignation - Due to recent appointment as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, Councilmember Sutton announced her resignation from the City Council effective March 31, 2016.

IT WAS MOVED BY WINTERSTEIN, SECONDED BY MARTS, TO:

Direct the Administration to prepare an agenda bill outlining the process to fill the upcoming vacancy of Council Position No. 2, to come before Council March 7, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:50 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b). The item is expected to take approximately 20 minutes. The session was extended by five minutes.

REGULAR BUSINESS - CONTINUED

Mayor Butler reconvened the regular meeting at 9:15 PM.

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

Authorize purchase of three properties owned by King County as discussed in Executive Session.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

Fred Butler, Mayor

State of the City
Mayor Fred Butler – Feb. 16, 2016

Introduction

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

Serving this community as mayor is a great honor. You can often find me walking around town, meeting new people and experiencing the vibrant community that makes Issaquah so special.

New businesses are celebrating ribbon cuttings. Young families are creating life-long memories. And retirees are enjoying the next chapter of their lives.

I'm extremely grateful for our past and existing community leaders, whose work to create a more sustainable community is coming to fruition.

It's invigorating to witness – on a daily basis – our vision becoming a reality. We truly are the best community for you to invest your future.

The state of our city is strong, and we have a solid foundation where we will build a bright and sustainable future.

As a community, we have carefully planned for the decades ahead. Now, we will transform those plans into action.

2016 is a pivotal year in Issaquah's history. It's best described with a single word: opportunity.

As we evolve, opportunities to realize our vision are around every corner.

And we as a City, from our innovative employees to dedicated volunteers, are ready for the challenge to strengthen our sustainable, safe and vibrant community.

Mobility

The results from our recent citizen survey declared that our community's No. 1 source of dissatisfaction is traffic.

What an opportunity.

There's no question – Issaquah is an outstanding place to live, work, learn and play. As more people and businesses move to our region, our congestion challenges – both from local and regional traffic – will only grow.

We are not waiting for help to arrive. Instead, Issaquah is tackling traffic from every angle.

On a regional level, Issaquah is actively planning for light rail; more park-and-ride stalls; and enhanced transit services.

We, along with our partners, recently secured state funding for improvements to Interstate 90, Issaquah-Fall City Road and State Route 18.

Our team is also working closely with our neighbors to advocate for improvements to State Route 900 and the Issaquah-Hobart Road.

At the local level, we're more than doubled the amount developers must pay in traffic impact fees to ensure growth pays its fair share.

Enhancing mobility isn't all about roads. Through our Walk + Roll plan, the City is creating a safer and more seamless network so that residents and visitors can easily get around without a car.

With a focus on safety, we are also making a variety of improvements to pedestrian crossings this year.

The last piece to our mobility puzzle is local improvements.

Using mostly grant and outside funds, we're investing more than \$50 million in road improvements in North Issaquah. Crews are currently widening East Lake Sammamish Parkway Southeast. Meanwhile, Issaquah is designing a new road from the parkway to Lake Drive behind Costco's international headquarters.

Grants and the developer fees, however, are not enough to fund other local projects our community needs now.

Our Traffic Task Force – a team of dedicated volunteers from throughout our community – is currently studying a package of potential transportation projects that could be considered by Issaquah voters this fall.

Issaquah's comprehensive approach to tackling traffic focuses on opportunities locally and regionally. Together, we can deliver tangible transportation solutions that will enhance our residents' quality of life – both today and far into the future.

Smart Growth

Since 1998, Issaquah has grown by more than 140 percent. And we aren't alone. More than 1.5 million additional people – or more than two new cities the size of Seattle – are expected to move to the Puget Sound area in the next few decades.

Simply put, the question facing Issaquah isn't, "should we grow?" but instead, "where and how?" To answer these questions, City leaders spent more than five years creating our new roadmap for redevelopment – the Central Issaquah Plan.

Shaping Issaquah's next successful chapter of smart growth is one of our community's most exciting opportunities.

By focusing growth to our central area, we are preserving what's important: our existing neighborhoods and beloved open space.

Olde Town is a great example of a neighborhood that we want to preserve and enhance. A group of community members, property owners and merchants — called the Olde Town Vitality Task Force — recently recommended several actions to meet that goal.

Thanks to those efforts, this year we plan to update a number of city codes that govern how we use space in Olde Town, as well as work with the Downtown Issaquah Association and local merchants to better utilize the historic Shell Station.

Customer Service

As we grow, it's essential that our community stays informed.

This year, we are focused on a new opportunity – engaging with our citizens right in their neighborhoods.

Leveraging neighborhood meetings, we will be collecting feedback on upcoming city initiatives and capital projects to better inform our future planning efforts.

Creating these personal connections will also enable us to keep neighbors up-to-date on local construction projects, which enhances our high level of customer service here in Issaquah.

Meanwhile, we are exploring new ways to connect with our community online, and will be redesigning our award-winning website to expand our Web presence. As a leader in social media, we are consistently searching for new and more effective ways to ensure our citizens are informed, and that their voices are heard.

To better serve our customers and make us more efficient, City Hall is revamping its technologies and systems.

A much-needed transition to a new financial system has already improved our productivity, and more success stories are forthcoming. I'm thankful for our dedicated employees, who are embracing this opportunity to find efficiencies in how we do business at the City.

Healthy Community

Speaking of service, we have a significant opportunity in Issaquah to build a healthier community in the years and decades to come.

As our community further diversifies, we need to remain responsive and proactive in meeting our citizens' needs.

For example, we have an exciting opportunity to enhance services provided to our local seniors. Now is the time to engage with our senior population, and design programs that will enrich their day-to-day lives.

Service options range from partnering with local agencies to the City running its own senior center. Regardless of the final decision, my goal is to expand our customer base, and reach more seniors throughout our community.

We are also focused on expanding all of our citizens' opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and recreation programs.

Thanks to consistent support from our community, we have several parks projects planned in 2016 that will benefit our citizens' quality of life, including a new skate park at Tibbetts Valley; enhancements at Central Park to provide more year-round opportunities to play; and a pedestrian bridge and playground at Confluence Park that were designed with input from our community.

Safety is also an important element to a healthy community. I am thankful every day for our dedicated police force, which is committed to community policing and exceptional customer service.

The goal of creating a healthier community is immense, and we are ready for the challenge.

An important step toward enhancing our community's health is to conduct a needs assessment. Through data collection and authentic community engagement on housing, food security, social relationships, transportation and other factors, we can better develop a strategic plan moving forward. That work starts this year, and the results will ensure our efforts are pointed in the right direction.

Economic Prosperity

This year's budget reflects our strengthening economy. We are planning now for rainy days by boosting our contingency fund, and making investments in our aging infrastructure.

Leveraging this opportunity now prepares Issaquah for a brighter future, no matter what's ahead.

To support our local economy, our Economic Development staff is promoting Issaquah's new Innovation Partnership Zone designation, which is focused on sports medicine.

As more providers start to call Issaquah home, our economy becomes more resilient, and our community members enjoy expanded services.

In addition, our community's small businesses continue to attract national attention for their accomplishments.

Just a few days ago, Issaquah-based Combat Flip Flops earned a \$300,000 commitment from the investors on ABC's "Shark Tank." With a mission to bring "Business, Not Bullets" to Afghanistan and other war-torn areas, Combat Flip Flops is a truly inspiring example of sharing our community's values on a global scale.

Another local entrepreneur, Thoa Nguyen — chef and owner of Issaquah's Chinoise Café — recently competed on Food Network's "Beat Bobby Flay," where she bested the celebrity chef. Her inspiring journey started when she left Vietnam with her family as a girl, before settling in our area and opening acclaimed restaurants throughout the region.

As you can see, we are a community that celebrates the successes of businesses large and small. Issaquah is truly is the best community for you to invest your future.

Conclusion

In summary, our City is evolving into a better, stronger community before our very eyes.

This is a pivotal time for our community. Opportunities to improve Issaquah are abundant – from increased mobility to enhanced customer service.

Together, our skilled public servants along with our strong community of residents, businesses and elected leaders are ready to seize each opportunity ahead. I am confident we have the right team to build a bright and sustainable future.

Thank you.