

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
November 20, 2017

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

MINUTES

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

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

Administration/Staff:

Fred Butler, Mayor
Bob Harrison, City Administrator
Jim Haney, City Attorney
Christine Eggers, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troupe 709 representatives.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Steve Pereira, 170 NE Dogwood Street, spoke regarding the Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Grant (AB 7510), the proposed 2018 Budget (AB 7393), the 2018 Legislative Agenda (AB 7491), and the upcoming Council vacancy.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Ramos:

- Emergency Management Advisory Council – Summarized the previous meeting.
- Eastside Transportation Partnership – Summarized the previous meeting.
- Washington State Public Works Board – The next meeting will be held Dec. 1, 2017.

Councilmember Marts:

- Services & Safety Committee – Summarized the previous meeting.
- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Summarized the previous meeting.
- King County E-911 Strategic Plan Scoping Committee Leadership Group – Summarized the previous meeting, which was the final meeting of the group.
- King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) – The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 29, but may be rescheduled.

Deputy Council President Pauly:

- Other – Summarized conversations with the Issaquah Chamber; and, reported that meetings are scheduled with City staff as part of mayoral transition.

Council President Goodman:

- Land & Shore Committee – The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- a) There will be an Executive Session held this evening to discuss pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). This item is expected to take approximately 5 minutes. Action is not anticipated to follow in open session.
- b) On Nov. 9, attended the PSRC Transportation Policy Board. The Board approved the release for public comments for projects recommended for funding through PSRC's 2017 transportation alternatives. This included funding for the Newport Way Non-motorized Improvement Project – SR 900 to SE 54th Street. In addition, the Board discussed the 2017 Transit Integration Report.

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 PAULY; MOTION CARRIED (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) ID 0176 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Nov. 20, 2017, \$ 5,931,407.81; **Approved.**
- b) Minutes: Special Council Committee Work Session, Nov. 1, 2017; **Approved.**
- c) Minutes: Special Council Committee Work Session, Oct. 30, 2017; **Approved.**
- d) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Nov. 6, 2017; **Approved.**
- e) AB 7401 - Senior Center Long-Term Operations; **Referred AB 7401 to the Dec. 12, 2017 Council Services & Safety Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on or before Jan. 23, 2017.**
- f) AB 7503 - Short Plat & Boundary Line Adjustment, City-Owned Parcel No. 2724069008 (formerly referenced as King County Island parcel); **Referred AB 7503 to the Dec. 7, 2017 Council Land & Shore Committee for review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on Dec. 18, 2017.**
- g) AB 7510 - Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Grant; **Authorized acceptance of the Port of Seattle Economic Development Partnership Grant in the amount of \$34,500 for the programs outlined in AB 7510 and execution of the grant agreement.**

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) AB 7393 - 2018 Budget

Introduced by Mayor Butler, and presented by Jennifer Olson, Finance Director.

Mayor Butler opened the public hearing at 7:28 PM.

The followings comments were provided:

- David Kappler, 255 SE Andrews, spoke regarding the need for the budget to include handicap parking enforcement and a volunteer coordinator.
- Jodee Hutchinson, 330 Rainier Blvd. N., spoke on her observations of the skate park and alternative recreational activities.
- Lindsey Walsh, 1769 28th Ave. NE, spoke regarding the amount of potential councilmanic debt and the need for more to be spent on transportation projects.

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

Continue the public hearing to the Dec. 4, 2017 Council meeting to allow for additional public testimony.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) AB 7392 - 2018 Proposed Levy and Revenue Sources

Introduced by Mayor Butler, and presented by Jennifer Olson, Finance Director. Following Council discussion,

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

Approve Resolution No. 2017-16, confirming an increase of the Property Tax Levy for the City regular property tax for 2018 at a rate of 1% over the previous year; and Adopt Ordinance No. 2812, levying the general taxes for the City of Issaquah for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2018, on all property, both real and personal, in said city which is subject to taxation for the purpose of paying sufficient revenue to carry on the services of said city for the ensuing year as required by law.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

It was noted that the next budget work session will be held Nov. 27, 2017.

- b) AB 7491 - 2018 Legislative Agenda

Introduced by Mayor Butler, and presented by Bob Harrison, City Administrator. Following Council discussion,

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

Approve the 2018 Legislative Agenda with revisions,

Page 1, Preamble to read:

“Note to Area Legislators...In particular those urban areas in southeast King County connected by ~~low-state and county routes with insufficient capacity state and county routes~~ such as Hwy 169, SR-900 and Hwy 18....”

Page 3, Land-Use/Growth Management (GMA)/Housing, first bullet to read:

“Issaquah is facing mounting pressure due to ~~growth management~~, unprecedented regional housing demand and a lack of regional transportation investments to support that demand. Issaquah will **support** initiatives that proactively address regional transportation solutions.”

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

c) AB 7512 - Council Vacancy Process

Introduced by Mayor Butler, and presented by Tina Eggers, City Clerk. Following Council discussion,

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

Approve the process and timeline for filling the 2018 vacancy of Position No. 3 as amended so that Applicants respond in writing to the below questions (150 word limit):

1. Why do you want to serve on the Issaquah City Council?
2. What is it, specifically, that you would contribute to the council and the City?
3. What do you consider to be Issaquah’s biggest opportunities or issues, and what would you do to address them?
4. If you are on Council you will be looking at having to make decisions in a divided community occasionally. How would you make decisions on issues that divide the community? Be specific please.
5. If selected to fill the vacancy, what is the one thing you would like to accomplish during your term of office?
6. In addition to council committee assignments, councilmembers each serve on one or more regional board or commission. What are your views on serving regionally? In what areas would you like to serve Issaquah regionally? What qualifies you for that service?
7. Issaquah has growing pains. What can be done to better manage these times of rapid growth in a way that protects existing residents’ quality of life and preserves Issaquah’s essential character?
8. Describe your understanding of the time commitment required to fulfill your obligations as a councilmember.
9. Issaquah is becoming increasingly unaffordable. What can be done to change this trend?
10. How can the City Council better solicit and incorporate community feedback?

Further, Applicants are asked to present the areas that are of most importance to them during a 10-minute verbal presentation to Council on Jan. 16.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER - None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:48 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The item was expected to take approximately 5 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:55 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Christine Eggers, City Clerk

Fred Butler, Mayor