

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
April 15, 2019

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Mariah Bettise
Stacy Goodman
Victoria Hunt
Tola Marts
Chris Reh
Lindsey Walsh
Paul Winterstein

Administration/Staff:

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor
Emily Moon, City Administrator
Jim Haney, City Attorney
Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pauly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) **ID 0412 - Ruth Kees and Community Environmental Awards**

Mayor Pauly presented the Ruth Kees award to Connie Marsh and the Community Environmental Award to Julie Clark, Kay Haynes, Susan Neville, and Geri Potter representing Save Cougar Mountain.

b) **ID 0450 - Earth Day Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly proclaimed April 22, 2019 to be Earth Day and urged all residents to celebrate this special observance. The 2019 Ruth Keys and Community Environment award recipients accepted the proclamation.

c) **ID 0460 - Newport Way: SR 900 to SE 54th Street Value Engineering Update**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly. Transportation Manager Kurt Seemann provided an update on the Value Engineering Study conducted on the Newport Way NW project.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Larry Franks, 24001 SE 103rd St., thanked the City for their letters of support to the state legislature regarding salmon recovery efforts and orca recovery.

- Nina Milligan, 2550 Park Drive, thanked Connie Marsh, recipient of the Ruth Kees Award, for her involvement and perspective over the years.
- Daphne Ghan, 22539 SE 45th St., spoke in support of the SE 43rd (Providence Point) signalization project and asked for information on the status of the project.
- Joe Verner, 1230 Oakwood Pl. NW, asked for additional information regarding the changes to the Newport Way NW corridor following the results of the value engineering study (ID 0460).
- David Kappler, 255 SE Andrews St., spoke regarding the results of the Newport Way NW corridor value engineering study (ID 0460).
- Mary Lynch, 2690 Oakcrest Dr., spoke regarding Ruth Kees, Connie Marsh, and the results of the Newport Way NW corridor value engineering study (ID 0460).
- Connie Marsh, Squak Mountain, spoke regarding the results of the Newport Way NW corridor value engineering study (ID 0460) and requested more information on the environmental impacts of the project.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Hunt:

- Land & Shore Committee – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
- King Conservation District Advisory Committee – Made report.

Councilmember Reh:

- Services & Safety Committee – Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Winterstein:

- Infrastructure Committee – The April meeting has been cancelled.
- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Policy Board – Made report.

Councilmember Goodman:

- Eastside Fire & Rescue Board – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Deputy Council President Bettise:

- Eastside Human Services Forum Board – Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Marts:

- Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Executive Session:

Earlier this evening at 5:30 p.m. an executive session was held to discuss pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). No action will be taken in this evening's open session.

Proclamations:

In addition to the Earth Day Proclamation issued earlier this evening, on April 10 at a Police Department/Dispatch meeting, a proclamation was issued stating that April 14-20 will be National Public Safety Telecommunications Week in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Will attend the Mountains to Sound Greenway's Annual Arbor Day event on April 20 and will proclaim April 20, 2019 to be Arbor Day and urge all citizens to celebrate and support efforts to

protect our trees and woodlands. The event will be held at 10 a.m. at Sammamish Cove. For more information, visit mtsgreenway.org.

Donation from Save Cougar Mountain:

On April 5, attended a community event hosted by the Save Cougar Mountain group, where they presented the City with a check for \$3,000 to contribute towards the Bergsma property acquisition, off Newport Way, just west of Legacy Landscaping, on Cougar Mountain. The City is grateful to individual contributors who have also made donations in support of this land purchase.

2019 Boards & Commissions Recruitment:

- We have completed the interviews for the City's boards and commissions.
- Thanks to all 43 applicants for your interest
- Response and applicants' qualifications are impressive
- We welcome 20 new members and 17 returning members
- All regular seats will be filled; we may re-advertise to fill open alternate seats

Coffee with the Mayor:

The next "Coffee with the Mayor" event will be on Wednesday, May 1 from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in the Library of the Senior Center. I look forward to engaging with the community members for open dialog.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

IT WAS MOVED BY MARTS, SECONDED BY BETTISE; MOTION CARRIED (7-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 0364 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Apr. 15, 2019, \$ 772,365.03;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, April 1, 2019;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: Council Committee Work Session, April 8, 2019;** Approved.
- d) **AB 7683 - Amendments to IMC 18.07.480 Community Facilities Standards Regarding Public Buildings;** Adopted Ordinance No. 2868, adopting by reference amendments to the Issaquah Municipal Code and Central Issaquah Development and Design Standards including definitions for community space and public buildings; and standards for the siting of public buildings in the community facilities – facility zoning district.
- e) **AB 7748 - 2019 Stormwater Rehabilitation Project;** Awarded the construction contract for the for the 2019 Stormwater Rehabilitation Project to Kar-Vel Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$224,025.
- f) **AB 7756 - Holiday Inn Lift Stations Revisions Project;** Awarded the construction contract for the Holiday Inn Lift Stations Revisions Project (SEWR15001) to Road Construction Northwest, Inc. in the amount of \$768,531.50 (including sales tax); and direct the Finance Director to include additional project funding of \$315,418 in a subsequent 2019 budget amendment utilizing the Sewer Fund.

- g) **AB 7778 - Annual Board/Commission Appointments**; Confirmed board/commission appointments as presented in AB 7778.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **ID 0437 - Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Vision 2050**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Keith Niven, Economic & Development Services Director.

Following Council discussion, the Council provided direction to the Administration to draft a letter to PSRC expressing the following high-level feedback on the three regional growth alternatives:

Alternative 1 – Stay the Course

- Aligns with the City's planning efforts and vision.
- Potential future results may be better understood and familiar.

Alternative 2 – Transit Focused Growth

- Greatest positive environmental impact.
- Concern Issaquah's two transit centers are not classified as High Capacity Transit (HCT), which may create increased competition for limited transportation funding.
- Concerns about the likelihood of displacement of people and the affordable housing inventory.

Alternative 3 – Reset Urban Growth

- Do not support this alternative.
- Will result in a significant increase in congestion at the eastern edges of the Urban Growth Boundary.

The Council identified outstanding questions and concerns, a summary of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a) *Mayor Pauly*:
Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced upcoming agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Summary of Issaquah City Council Questions and Comments on PSRC's draft SEIS for Vision 2050:

1. A clear definition of High Capacity Transit is needed and a better understanding of how that definition may be applied and what effect that may have on Issaquah as a non-HCT (should that be the case). The current definition for high-capacity transit station areas would exclude significant, existing transit hubs such as the two 1,000-stall park and ride garages in our community.
2. How would adoption of this alternative impact Centers Designations or funding support for Regional Growth Centers?
3. What if transportation funding is not available or is insufficient to make the improvements prior to the growth targets being adjusted? Why aren't these policies and actions linked?
4. What will the public (or City Council) review of the draft policies involve and when will that occur? Councilmembers expressed that it was difficult to understand the SEIS alternatives without reviewing the policies fully.
5. It is difficult to understand how each of the alternatives might specifically affect quality of life and community character, which are driving forces for policy decisions in our city.
6. It is unclear that supporting Alternative 2 will result in an increase in transportation funding opportunities for those cities that have made the commitment to being a regional growth center.
7. There were numerous questions regarding the summary data relating to the county distribution and the draft alternatives.
8. Concern was raised over the impact of displacement relating to Alternative 2. The council expressed concern over adequate mitigating policies or actions from PSRC.
9. There was not much support for Alternative 3 (Reset Urban Growth). This alternative would likely result in the greatest adverse impact on the natural environment and would likely result in the greatest increase in regional transportation congestion.
10. For the region, Alternative 2 (Transit-focused growth) appears to be in line with decisions made locally on how best to grow Issaquah. However, without having further information, the Council is unclear as to how this alternative would impact the city if selected by PSRC.