

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
June 17, 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 (*Excused Absence*)

*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 0503 - Recognition of Issaquah's State Legislative Delegation**

Mayor Pauly thanked the City's legislative delegation for their efforts to support the City's legislative agenda. The following legislators than made brief remarks:

- Senator Mark Mullett, 5th District
- Representative Tana Senn, 41st District
- Representative Lisa Callan, 5th District
- Representative Bill Ramos, 5th District

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Julie Martin, representing the Downtown Issaquah Association (DIA), reported on Fender's on Front Street and announced an upcoming event, Make Music Day, occurring on June 21, 2019.

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Walsh:*

- Eastside Transportation Partnership – Made report.

*Councilmember Hunt:*

- Land & Shore Committee – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
- Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee – Made report.

*Deputy Council President Bettise:*

- Eastside Human Services Forum – Announced upcoming meetings.

*Council President Marts:*

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT****Eastside Fire & Rescue Board**

- Celebrated a retirement recognition.
- There was a briefing on PFAS. The partners (Dept of Ecology and the City) are meeting on next steps and scope of work.
- EFR is currently hiring.
- Audit work has begun.
- The governance question was deferred due to the absence of some of the regular members. Hoping to have a vote by the end of the year. A pro and con analysis will be developed.
- The next meeting is July 11. August meeting has been cancelled.

**Executive Session:**

There is no executive session this evening.

**City Administrator Recruitment Update:**

Until the City has hired our next City Administrator later this year, regular progress updates will be provided.

- The City has hired Karras Consulting to spearhead the recruitment process.
- The job posting closed last week on June 12, 2019.

**Laughing Jacobs Creek Basin Plan Interagency Agreement (Sammamish):**

If approved by both City Councils, the Laughing Jacobs Creek Basin Plan Interagency Agreement (IAA) would provide the framework for the cities of Sammamish and Issaquah to collaboratively develop a basin plan for Laughing Jacobs Creek.

- Approximately 10 percent of the basin is within the City of Issaquah, including the creek's outlet to Lake Sammamish.
- This reach of the creek contains primary spawning habitat for Kokanee Salmon, which are native to Lake Sammamish.
- The development of the plan would identify and prioritize actions to address flooding, prevent erosion, improve water quality, and create fish and wildlife habitat.
- This item is on this evening's consent calendar.

**Talus Middle School Project:**

The Issaquah School District will be constructing a new middle school in the Talus neighborhood:

- The plans for this middle school show the building at approximately 130,000 square feet and it will house up to 1,000 students.
- ISD's target for breaking ground is this summer with completion in Fall 2021 at the start of the 2021 school year. This timeline is very ambitious.
- Project status: Site Development Permit (land use) is currently under review. ISD has indicated that they are contemplating some significant changes to the site design based on the City's comments thus far.

**King County Million Trees Grant:**

- King County launched the One Million Trees initiative following the County's adoption of its Strategic Climate Action Plan in 2015. The goal is to plant 1 million trees by 2020 as a way to support carbon sequestration and healthy forests, streams and neighborhoods. To support the initiative for planting a large number of trees by the end

of 2020, each Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) in King County was provided \$175,000 to support tree planting through a grant process.

- The WRIA 8 Project Subcommittee has recommended a grant award to the City of \$75,000 to plant 10,000 trees over approximately 28-acres of city owned parks and open space properties along Tibbetts and Issaquah Creeks.
- The City's partnership with Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust (MTSGT) and Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) will allow the City to maximize this tree planting effort by utilizing seasonal staff, AmeriCorps volunteers and community volunteers across King County.
- The timing of this tree planting effort supports the larger Green Issaquah Partnership that the City is kicking off this year with Forterra. This project will assess the City's forest health and ultimately inform a forest stewardship program that will support long-term enhancement, restoration and maintenance of the City's forests and natural systems.
- This item is on this evening's consent calendar.

#### **City Council Meetings in Transition:**

- During a council workshop last winter, Council decided to go forward with a transition to a study session model versus a council committee structure. This process will feel different to the community, the Council and staff.
- Updates will be provided through the transition.
- Study sessions will be scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month. Committee meetings will no longer be scheduled as of September.
- Some of the things you may notice are more items on the consent portion of the Regular City Council meeting agenda and that major policy discussions at study sessions will have all seven Councilmembers involved.
- Currently, an Ad Hoc Committee is reviewing Council Rules of Procedures.

#### **Bergsma Funding Update:**

- The King County Conservation Futures Committee's recommendation was shared with applicants last Friday. The City applied for funding as part of the strategy to fund the recent Bergsma acquisition. The City received some great news last Friday that the Committee recommendation includes fully funding the City's application of \$5.3M in funding for Bergsma.
- This is the amount (\$5.3M) that the City identified in its funding strategy last Fall and have been discussing with agency partners as the full Bergsma acquisition scenario began to take shape last year.
- Once awarded later this year, these grant funds would represent a large portion of the partner funding the City anticipated, but it is not all of it. Next up will be the State RCO grants that we will be applying for next year, in 2020. This King County funding and the financial partnership it represents will only further strengthen these 2020 RCO applications.
- This news from King Co. is only a recommendation. What comes next?
  - These are funding recommendations made to the County Executive, which will next be incorporated into legislation and then approved by King County Council. Nothing is final until the County Council approves the recommendations.
- The City will also work closely with our many partners in making sure that advocacy continues, and that throughout this adoption process the County Council understands the broad regional support that the Bergsma project has.
- Legislation from the Executive is moving forward later this month. The goal of King County staff is to have the legislative package passed by September.

## **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 (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

- a) **ID 0388 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of June 17, 2019, \$ 3,590,514.57;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, June 3, 2019;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, June 7, 2019;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: Council Committee Work Session, June 10, 2019;** Approved.
- e) **AB 7738 - Interagency Agreement with City of Sammamish for Laughing Jacobs Creek Basin Planning;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Laughing Jacobs Creek Basin Plan Interagency Agreement with the City of Sammamish.
- f) **AB 7783 - Second Amendment to Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District Interlocal Agreement;** Approved the proposed Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Sammamish Plateau Water and Sewer District originally executed on March 18, 2014 and subsequently amended in August 2017 to change the time frame for beginning discussions of governance and service delivery to the year 2022.
- g) **AB 7802 - Amend 2019 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments to add Community Facilities Redesignation and Rezone Consideration of Issaquah School District Parcel;** Amended the 2019 Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments to include consideration of Community Facilities redesignation and rezone for the Providence Heights property at 228th Ave. SE being acquired by the Issaquah School District as requested.
- h) **AB 7812 - King County 1 Million Trees 2019 Grant;** Authorized acceptance of King County's 1 Million Trees Grant funds of \$75,000 and execution of the grant agreement; and directed the Finance Director to include both the grant revenue and related expenditures in a subsequent 2019 budget amendment.
- i) **AB 7816 - U.S. Department of Justice COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Grant;** Authorized submittal of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice's COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act program requesting \$100,000 to support a Post Critical Incident Seminar.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a) **AB 7771 - Transportation Benefit District - Assumption of Powers**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly, and presented by Gene Paul, Management Analyst.

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 7:36 PM.

No comments were provided.

The public hearing was closed at 7:37 PM.

Action on AB 7771 is anticipated to occur at the July 1, 2019 Council meeting.

**b) AB 7808 - Conveyance of Utility Easement - I-90 Corporate Center Plat**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly, and presented by Chasen Simpson, Senior Engineer.

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 7:46 PM.

No comments were provided.

The public hearing was closed at 7:47 PM.

AB 7808 was continued under Regular Business.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a) AB 7808 - Conveyance of Utility Easement - I-90 Corporate Center Plat (*Continued from above*)**

Following Council discussion,

**IT WAS MOVED BY MARTS, SECONDED BY BETTISE, TO:**

Approve Resolution No. 2019-06, declaring a utility easement in certain portions of the I-90 Corporate Center Plat to be surplus to the needs of the City's utilities and providing for compensation as a credit against the City's share of the cost of transportation improvement projects constructed pursuant to the Costco Development Agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Councilmember Hunt:*

Council Land & Shore Committee - The July Council Land & Shore Committee meeting will be held on July 10 due to the July 4th holiday.

*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor