

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
July 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.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

Julie Martin, representing the Downtown Issaquah Association, summarized recent events sponsored by the Association.

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Walsh:*

- Eastside Transportation Partnership – Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Hunt:*

- Cascade Water Alliance Board – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
- Land & Shore Committee – Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Reh:*

- Services & Safety Committee – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Winterstein:*

- Infrastructure Committee – July meeting cancelled.
- Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Growth Management Policy Board – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Goodman:*

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

*Council President Marts:*

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT****Executive Session:**

There will be an executive session this evening to discuss cybersecurity per RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii) and pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). These items are expected to last 70 minutes. No action is anticipated to follow in open session.

**City Administrator Recruitment Update:**

Until our next City Administrator has been hired, regular progress updates will be provided:

- The City has hired Karras Consulting to spearhead the recruitment process.
- The job posting closed on June 12, 2019.
- There was a total of 80 applicants:
  - Several first round interviews online via Skype were conducted in the past few weeks.
  - In-person interviews for six finalists were conducted on July 10.
  - All Councilmembers, residents and City staff are invited to attend a Public Forum to meet the top two finalists on July 25 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Workshop Issaquah on Front Street.

**Issaquah-Fall City Road Project:**

Our neighbors at the City of Sammamish are about to start a major construction project along Issaquah-Fall City Road from 242nd Avenue Southeast to Klahanie Drive Southeast that will add capacity and improve safety.

The project includes:

- Widening the road;
- Adding three roundabouts; and
- Building bike lanes, sidewalks, landscaping and a protected student crossing at Pacific Cascade Middle School.
- A new bridge located between 247th and Klahanie Drive will also raise the roadway to improve safety and meet driver sight-distance requirements, as well as enhance the North Fork of Issaquah Creek.

During most of this two-year project, the roadway will remain open with two lanes of traffic. However, it's estimated the road will be closed to traffic between 247th and Klahanie Boulevard from Spring 2020 to Fall 2020 while the new bridge is built.

The City of Sammamish is hosting a pre-construction open house at 6-8 p.m. July 31 at Pacific Cascade Middle School. More details, including maps of detours and additional renderings of the project, are available at [sammamish.us](http://sammamish.us).

**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 0390 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of July 15, 2019, \$ 4,273,113.99;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, July 1, 2019;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: Council Committee Work Session, July 8, 2019;** Approved.
- d) **AB 7819 - Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Dept. of Natural Resources for Maintenance and Use of High Point Trailhead;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment #2 to the Interlocal Agreement with the State Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) for Maintenance and use of High Point Trailhead in order to support the Snoqualmie Corridor Gateway Facility & Trail Design project.
- e) **AB 7820 - Dept. of Commerce Local and Community Projects 2018 Program (Confluence Park Improvements);** Authorized the grant agreement and accepted the Dept. of Commerce grant through the Local and Community Projects 2018 Program in the amount of \$199,820 for Confluence Park Turf and Irrigation Improvements.
- f) **AB 7824 - Donation Acceptance: King County Metro Van;** Adopted Ordinance No. 2871, accepting the donation of a King County Metro van for the Issaquah Senior Center; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute an agreement with King County for the vehicle donation.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **AB 7759 - 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), including Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Beth Goldberg, Finance Director.

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

- Neoma Lorenson, Providence Point resident, thanked the Council for listening to concerns of the Providence Point community regarding the SE 43rd Way Intersection Improvement project.
- Dan Schoff, Sycamore Resident, asked questions regarding SW 009 Upper Sycamore Extension and spoke against new taxes to fund transportation projects.
- Joe Verner, 1230 Oakwood Place, asked when the sales tax proposal associated with the Transportation Benefit District would come before voters and what amount of revenue would be generated.

Mayor Pauly closed the public hearing at 7:44 PM.

Following Council discussion,

### **IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, SECONDED BY REH, TO:**

Direct the Administration to provide for Council's consideration an alternative CIP in which general-mitigation funds set to expire in 2021 would be used to fund projects other than FC 022 Consolidated City Offices, potentially including, but not limited to, FC 018 Issaquah Highlands Storage Site and FC 020 Parking Building Expansion.

Councilmember Winterstein rose to a point of order and questioned whether the amendment was in order.

Following a brief recess, the Mayor clarified that the motion was in order as it was a substitute amendment.

**AMENDMENT FAILED, 1-6 (Proponent: Hunt).**

**IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, SECONDED BY REH, TO:**

Amend the 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to add the following to the end of the project summary of project PK 045 Creek Corridor:

"Project scope may include improvements to this corridor as well as acquisitions."

**AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.**

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

Approve Resolution No. 2019-07 adopting the amended Capital Improvement Plan for 2020-2025, including the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.**

## REGULAR BUSINESS

### a) **AB 7814 - Eastside Fire & Rescue Resolution on Alternative Fuel Requirements**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Gene Paul, Management Analyst, and Jeff Clark, Fire Chief. Following Council discussion,

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

Approve Resolution No. 2019-08, exempting Eastside Fire & Rescue from the Alternative Fuels Requirements of RCW 43.19.648(2)(a).

**MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

*Mayor Pauly:*

Expansion of Cascade Water Alliance (CWA) - Shared the information received regarding estimated costs to expand CWA to encompass additional utility services related to wastewater sewage or septage collection. Clarified the change would also include additional sunset language. Reiterated her support for this proposal.

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

*Councilmember Winterstein:*

Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2050 - Asked that the City consider weighing in on the draft plan during the 60-day comment period.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:31 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing cybersecurity per RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii) and pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). These items were expected to last 45 minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:16 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 PM.

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Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor