

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
November 18, 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
Wally Bobkiewicz, 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 individuals spoke in support of AB 7869, Consideration to Support a Regional Clean Fuels Standard:

- Ann Fletcher, representing People for Climate Action
- Larry Franks, 24001 SE 103rd St.
- David Kappler, 255 SE Andrews St.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Walsh:

- Eastside Transportation Partnership – Made report.

Councilmember Hunt:

- Cascade Water Alliance Board Workshop – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Winterstein:

- Puget Sound Growth Management Policy Board – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Goodman:

- Eastside Fire & Rescue Board – Made report.

Council President Marts:

- Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Made report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There will be an executive session this evening to discuss pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). This item is expected to last 20 minutes. No action is anticipated to follow in open session.

The Mayor provided a report on the following topics:

- Olde Town Traffic Calming
- SE 43rd Signalization Project

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 0397 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Nov. 18, 2019, \$3,258,724.86;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: Council Study Session, Oct. 22, 2019;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: Council Budget Study Session, Oct. 28, 2019;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Nov. 4, 2019;** Approved.
- e) **AB 7742 - 2019 Water Main Rehabilitation Project - South Cove;** Accepted completion of the 2019 Water Main Rehabilitation Project - South Cove project and release of the retainage to the contractor.
- f) **AB 7747 - 2019 Water Main Rehabilitation - Front Street South Project;** Accepted the 2019 Water Main Rehabilitation - Front Street South project and release the retainage to the contractor.
- g) **AB 7830 - Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG);** Accepted the 2019 Emergency Management Performance grant award in the amount of \$20,681.00 for emergency network infrastructure connectivity equipment and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the grant agreement with the Washington State Military Department.
- h) **AB 7847 - Interfund Loan for SE 43rd Signalization Project;** Adopted Ordinance No. 2882, authorizing an interfund loan from the Sewer Fund to the Street Capital Project Fund in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.
- i) **AB 7853 - Authority to Declare Intent to Reimburse Capital Expenditures with Future Bond Proceeds;** Approved Resolution No. 2019-15, designating the Finance Director as the official authorized to make declarations of official intent on behalf of the City.

- j) **AB 7881 - King County Metro Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Connecting Corridor, Salmon Friendly Trips;** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$175,000 and execution of the Transportation Demand Management Agreement with King County for the Salmon Friendly Trips Program.
- k) **AB 7882 - FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant (East Lake Sammamish Parkway Conveyance Improvements);** Authorized submittal of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant program for the construction of improvements to correct flooding issues along East Lake Sammamish Parkway between SE 56th Street and SE 51st Street.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **AB 7757 - 2020 Levy and Revenue Sources**

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

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

No public comments were provided.

Mayor Pauly closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

Council deliberation and action on AB 7757 will occur under Regular Business.

- b) **AB 7758 - Proposed 2020 Budget, including Salary Ordinance**

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

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 7:33 p.m.

The following public comment was provided:

- Rachel Krinsky, representing King County Alliance for Human Services and the Eastside Advocacy Team, spoke in support of Human Services grants.

Mayor Pauly closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Council deliberation and action on AB 7757 will occur under Regular Business.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **AB 7831 - 2020 Legislative Agenda**

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

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

Approve the 2019-2020 Legislative Agenda as presented and Issaquah's participation in the South East Area Legislative Transportation Coalition.

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

Amend the 2019-2029 Policy Manual under Environment/Natural Resources by adding a last bullet to read:

"Issaquah **supports** statewide efforts to achieve meaningful salmon and orca recovery through funding of strategic action including habitat conservation and funding."

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.

b) **AB 7869 - Consideration to Support a Regional Clean Fuels Standard**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by David Fujimoto, Following Council discussion,

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

Approve Resolution No. 2019-16, supporting adoption of a clean fuels standard; and direct the Administration to transmit a comment letter to the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency as presented.

IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, SECONDED BY WALSH, TO:

Amend the comment letter to remove the second to last paragraph regarding the implementation timeline.

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.

c) **AB 7860 - 2020 Arts Grant Recommendations**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Amy Dukes, Arts Coordinator. Following Council discussion,

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

Approve funding for the 2020 Arts Grants, as recommended by the Arts Commission, for a total expenditure of \$175,000.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

d) **AB 7864 - Amendment to Interlocal Agreement & Modification of Covenant with King County Relating to Recreation Facilities (Julius Boehm Pool)**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Jeff Watling, Parks and Recreation Director. Following Council discussion,

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

Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Amendment to the 1994 Interlocal Agreement with King County related to the ownership, funding, operation and maintenance of Parks, Open Space, Recreation Facilities and the Modification of the Restrictive Covenant for the Julius Boehm Pool to allow for differential pool-use fees for non-City residents.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

e) **AB 7878 - Low Income Utility Discount Program**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by David Fujimoto, Sustainability Director. Following Council discussion,

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

Direct the Administration to prepare an ordinance establishing the Utility Assistance Program as proposed in AB 7878, returning to Council for adoption at the Dec. 2, 2019 Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

f) **AB 7850 - Proposed 2020 Budget: Revenue Sources - Utility Tax**

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

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 2883, amending Chapter 5.32 of the Issaquah Municipal Code relating to the Utility Business and Occupation Tax for the cable television, water, sewer, and stormwater utilities; providing for referendum and establishing an effective date.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-1 (Opponent: Winterstein).

g) **AB 7757 - 2020 Levy and Revenue Sources**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly. Following Council discussion,

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 2884, levying property taxes for the City of Issaquah for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2020, 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, 6-1 (Opponent: Winterstein).

h) **AB 7849 - Proposed 2020 Budget: Revenue Sources - Parks Recreation Fees**

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

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 2885, amending certain recreation center pass fees and certain recreation program fees and facility rental fees established by Ordinance No. 2290 in order to better reflect current costs.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

i) **AB 7870 - Proposed 2020 Budget: Revenue Sources - Cemetery Fees**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Jeff Watling, Parks and Recreation Director. Following Council discussion,

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 2886, amending Section 2.20.040 of the Issaquah Municipal Code in order to increase grave plot and maintenance fees, create new fees for additional memorial spaces and establish a processing fee for transfers and quitclaim deeds; and

Direct the Parks and Recreation Director, in consultation with the Cemetery Board and Flintofts Funeral Home and Crematory, to develop and implement by January 1, 2020 a pilot Burial Assistance Program offering a 50% discount on burial services fees for low income persons, with the eligibility requirements to be determined by the Director with the required consultation, and with the program to be brought back to the City Council by February 28, 2020 for review and ratification, or change.

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

Postpone the motion to the Jan. 6, 2020 Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

j) **AB 7758 - Proposed 2020 Budget, including Salary Ordinance**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly. Following Council discussion,

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

Adopt Ordinance No.2887, adopting a revised 2020 salary schedule for all city employees and amending the salary schedules previously adopted and amended by Ordinance Nos. 2819, 2828, 2829, 2835 and 2853; and

Adopt Ordinance No. 2888, adopting the 2020 budget; setting forth the estimated revenues and appropriations for each separate fund, and estimated impact on ending fund balances for all such funds combined of the City for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-1 (Opponent: Winterstein).

The Mayor thanked the Council for their hard work culminating in adoption of the budget.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Hunt:

Thank you - To Councilmembers Bettise and Winterstein, who will no longer be serving on the City Council when Councilmember Hunt returns to the Council in January.

Mayor Pauly:

Invitation - Invited Councilmembers to attend a Nov. 21 open house thanking volunteer boards and commission members.

Councilmember Walsh:

Thank you - To the Open Windows School 2nd grade for their thank you notes.

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated upcoming agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:35 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The item is expected to take approximately 10 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:45 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor