

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
January 6, 2020

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Barbara de Michele
Stacy Goodman
Zach Hall
Victoria Hunt
Tola Marts
Chris Reh
Lindsey Walsh

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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) **ID 0600 - Swearing in Ceremony, Oaths of Office**

Mayor Pauly administered the oath of office to the following elected officials:

- Zach Hall, Council Position No. 2
- Barbara de Michele, Council Position No. 3
- Lindsey Walsh, Council Position No. 4
- Victoria Hunt, Council Position No. 6

b) **AB 7889 - Election of Council President and Deputy Council President for 2020**

Mayor Pauly opened the nominations for 2020 Council President.

Councilmember Marts nominated Victoria Hunt as Council President for 2020.

There being no further nominations, the Mayor announced nominations are closed.

BY SHOW OF HANDS AND VOICE VOTE, VICTORIA HUNT WAS ELECTED AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, 7-0.

Mayor Pauly opened the nominations for 2020 Deputy Council President.

Councilmember Goodman nominated Chris Reh as Deputy Council President.

There being no further nominations, the Mayor announced nominations are closed.

BY SHOW OF HANDS AND VOICE VOTE, CHRIS REH WAS ELECTED AS DEPUTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, 7-0.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comments were provided:

Larry Franks, representing the Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery (FISH), spoke regarding climate change and its impacts on salmon.

Heather Finterty and Malia Bechtel, Olde Town Residents, spoke regarding the need for additional traffic calming and school zone signage in Olde Town.

Elizabeth Maupin, 100 Big Bear Place, spoke regarding the need for a winter shelter and a day center where people can be transported.

Steve Pereira, 170 NW Dogwood St., spoke regarding agenda items (AB 7883 and AB 7870) and the need to consider impacts of neighborhood traffic calming measures on other neighborhoods.

Connie Marsh, Squak Mountain, spoke regarding historic water flows and encouraged a focus on an overall vision for the stormwater code and the Title 18 Land Use Code.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Walsh:

- Title 18 Land Use Code Update Ad Hoc Committee – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Goodman:

- Eastside Fire & Rescue Board – Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Marts:

- Sound Cities Association – Announced committee orientation.
- PSRC Growth Management Policy Board – Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Hunt:

- WRIA Salmon Recovery Council – Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
- King Conservation District Advisory Committee – Made report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

There will be an executive session this evening to discuss Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). This item is expected to last 15 minutes. No action is anticipated to follow in open session.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATESa) **ID 0521 - Website Redesign Project**

Thomas Rush, Communications Coordinator, provided a presentation on the City's recent website redesign.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- a) **ID 0534 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Jan. 6, 2020, \$3,725,699.85;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Study Session, Nov. 26, 2019;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Dec. 10, 2019;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Dec. 16, 2019;** Approved.
- e) **AB 7803 - 2019 Maintenance Overlay Project, MC19-1;** Accepted completion of the 2019 Maintenance Overlay Project and release of the retainage to the contractor.
- f) **AB 7883 - King County Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement 2020-25;** Authorized acceptance of funds and execution of the grant agreement with King County for 2020-2025 King County Parks Levy funding.
- g) **AB 7906 - 2020 Annual Watermain Replacement - Sammamish Bluffs;** Awarded the construction contract for the 2020 Annual Watermain Replacement - Sammamish Bluffs to Iron Creek Construction in the amount of \$131,890 (including sales tax).

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

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Jeff Watling, Parks Director.

Following Council discussion,

The following motion was before the Council:

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 HUNT, TO:

Amend the motion by substituting it with the following:

Adopt the revised Ordinance No. 2886, amending Section 2.20.040 of the Issaquah Municipal Code by providing for an increase in grave plot and maintenance fees, creating new fees for additional memorial spaces, transfers and quitclaim deeds and allowing for adoption of a burial assistance program; and approve Resolution No. 2020-01, implementing a Burial Assistance Program for the City-owned Hillside Cemetery.

MOTION TO ADOPT SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.

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

Divide the question into Part A and Part B as follows:

Part A, Adoption of Ordinance:

Adopt the revised Ordinance No. 2886, amending Section 2.20.040 of the Issaquah Municipal Code by providing for an increase in grave plot and maintenance fees, creating new fees for additional memorial spaces, transfers and quitclaim deeds and allowing for adoption of a burial assistance program.

Part B, Approval of Resolution:

Approve Resolution No. 2020-01, implementing a Burial Assistance Program for the City-owned Hillside Cemetery.

MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION CARRIED, 6-1 (Opponent: Marts).

Part B, Approval of Resolution

Without objection, Part B of was before the City Council:

Approve Resolution No. 2020-01, implementing a Burial Assistance Program for the City-owned Hillside Cemetery.

IT WAS MOVED BY MARTS, SECONDED BY DE MICHELE, TO:

Amend Exhibit A of the Resolution as follows:

Under "Eligibility":

- ~~The decedent and family (as defined below) members applying for program benefits must be at or below 40% Average Median Income (AMI) for King County, and having available cash and/or other liquid-able assets of less than \$10,000.~~
- The decedent's estate and surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner, if any, must have available cash and/or other liquid-able assets of less than \$10,000.
- The decedent's surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner, if any, must be at or below 40% Average Median Income (AMI) for King County.

Under "Application and Approval":

- ~~The family is defined as all parties within two degrees of separation per RCW 68.50.160 (Right to Control Disposition of Remains). As such, the~~The application will review and consider the financial income and other liquid-able fiscal assets of the decedent and surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner ~~within these two generations of the family.~~

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 5-2 (*Opponents: Goodman, Walsh*).

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

Amend the amendment to add the following under "Eligibility":

- The decedent's surviving spouse or state registered domestic partner or adult children, if any, must be at or below 40% Average Median Income (AMI) for King County.

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT FAILED, 3-4 (*Proponents: DeMichele, Goodman, Walsh*).

RESOLUTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 6-1 (*Opponent: Walsh*).

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

Require that the Council review the Burial Assistance Program after the expenditure of \$5000 or one year.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Part A, Adoption of Ordinance

Part A was before the City Council:

Adopt the revised Ordinance No. 2886, amending Section 2.20.040 of the Issaquah Municipal Code by providing for an increase in grave plot and maintenance fees, creating new fees for additional memorial spaces, transfers and quitclaim deeds and allowing for adoption of a burial assistance program.

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

Amend the ordinance to add the following to the end of Section 1:

The Mayor may approve annual adjustments to the fees set forth above using the Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton Area as measured from July 1st to July 1st.

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.

ORDINANCE AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council President Hunt:

Thank You – Thanked Council for the leadership position and encouraged feedback and communication.

Deputy Council President Reh:

Thank You – Thanked Council for the leadership position.

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:03 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). The item was expected to take approximately 15 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:15 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 PM.

Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor