

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM
 October 19, 2020

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 prohibiting open public meetings from occurring in person. The proclamation has been extended to Nov. 9, 2020. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

Councilmembers:

Barbara de Michele
 Stacy Goodman
 Zach Hall
 Victoria Hunt
 Tola Marts (*Excused Absence*)
 Chris Reh
 Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor
 Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
 Andrea Snyder, Deputy 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 provided public comments:

- Deepa Sivarajan, representative from Climate Solutions, spoke in support of ID 0768 - Climate Convening Recommendations and provided recommendations on climate change actions the City could take.
- Cori Walters, Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank Director, thanked the community for their support and provided information on an upcoming event on Oct. 31 for the Mayor's Month of Concern.
- Steve Pereira, resident, spoke regarding concerns with the 0.1% sales tax to fund affordable housing, mental health services, and related services (AB 8047) and spoke regarding concerns with the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
- Dani [no last name provided], Issaquah High School student, spoke in support of the Environmental Board and encouraged youth opportunities in City projects.
- Kathy McCorry, representing the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, encouraged consideration of affordable housing impacts and timing on AB 8028, Amending Community Planning & Development Fees, and emphasized the role the Chamber plays in promoting and supporting tourism in Issaquah.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Hall:

Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors - Announced upcoming meeting.

King County Affordable Housing Committee of the Growth Management Planning Council - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Walsh:

Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - Made report.

Councilmember Goodman:

Eastside Fire & Rescue - Made report.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee – Made report.

Council President Hunt:

King Conversation District Advisory Committee - Made report.

Issaquah School District and City of Issaquah Leadership - Announced upcoming meeting.

Title 18 Land Use Ad Hoc Committee - The Committee met on Oct. 15 and continued review and editing of the chart of potential goals, related actions, and outcomes. The Committee will meet again this week to begin discussing the deliverables, services and scope of external work included in the proposed 2021 budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There was an executive session held earlier this evening to discuss Collective Bargaining, per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a).
- Affordable Housing Week Proclamation
- Mayor's Day of Concern Proclamation
- Farmer's Market Grant - King County CARES Act Funding

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

a) ID 0768 - Climate Convening Recommendations

Megan Curtis-Murphy, Sustainability Coordinator, Ann Fletcher, representing People for Climate Action, and Lindsay Frickle, Issaquah Alps Trail Club, provided an update on recommendations from the Community Convening on Climate that was held in July.

Council President Hunt summarized an email comment received on this topic.

b) ID 0749 - Visit Issaquah Annual Update

Following an introduction by Economic Development Manager Jen Davis Hayes, Visit Issaquah Executive Director Beth Javens presented an annual update on Visit Issaquah, Issaquah's Destination Marketing Organization (DMO).

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Deputy City Clerk announced that the Clerk's Office has circulated a revised copy of the Oct. 5 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, agenda item "f", correcting the maker and seconder of the amendment under AB 8047 – Affordable Housing Sales & Use Tax. This is the version that will be adopted upon approval of the Consent Calendar.

IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, SECONDED BY REH; MOTION CARRIED (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 0677 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Oct. 19, 2020, \$4,290,425.13;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Aug. 27, 2020;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Sept. 29, 2020;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Study Session, Sept. 29, 2020;** Approved.
- e) **City Council Special Meeting, Oct. 5, 2020;** Approved.
- f) **City Council Regular Meeting, Oct. 5, 2020;** Approved.
- g) **AB 8026 - Human Services Commission Mid-Term Appointments;** Confirmed the appointments of Susan Leonelli, Manny Brown, Patricia Sadate-Ngatchou, and Lucrecia Choto to the vacant Regular positions and Claire Hansen and Trish Bloor to the vacant Alternate positions on the Human Services Commission as presented.
- h) **AB 8033 - King County Youth and Amateur Sports Grant;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the agreements with King County to receive one-time funding totaling \$10,000 in two separate Youth and Amateur Sports Grant Agreements to provide youth sports opportunities for youth and fitness opportunities for seniors; and, if needed, direct the Finance Director to include the grant revenue and the associated expenditure of \$10,000 in a subsequent 2020 budget amendment.
- i) **AB 8041 - Franchise Agreement with Zayo Communications;** n/a [Introduction of ordinance; action anticipated Nov. 2, 2020].
- j) **AB 8052 - King County Coronavirus Relief Grant for Farmer's Market;** Authorized acceptance of the King County Coronavirus Relief Fund grant up to \$15,000 for reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses for the Issaquah Farmer's Market; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related grant agreement with King County.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **AB 7990 - Proposed 2021 Budget: Levy & Revenue Sources**

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

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 8:38 PM. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 8:39 PM.

This item will return to Council for action at the Nov. 2 Council meeting.

b) **AB 7991 - Proposed 2021 Budget & Salary Ordinance**

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

Council President Hunt summarized an email comment received on this item.

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 8:45 PM. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed at 8:46 PM.

The City Council will continue to deliberate the budget at their remaining Council study sessions. This item will be back before Council on Nov. 16 for a public hearing on the final budget and potential action.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 8029 - 2020 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Amendment**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Economic Development Manager Jen Davis Hayes.

Council President Hunt summarized email comments received on this item.

Following Council discussion,

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

Approve the allocation of \$52,075 to fund business and non-profit tourism-related activities as recommended by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee; and direct the Finance Director to include \$52,075 in a subsequent 2020 budget amendment from the Lodging Tax Reserve Fund.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

b) **AB 8030 - 2021 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Request**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Economic Development Manager Jen Davis Hayes.

Council President Hunt summarized email comments received on this item.

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

Approve the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee's request to appropriate \$125,000 from the Lodging Tax Fund to the destination marketing organization, Visit Issaquah, as proposed in the 2021 budget.

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

Postpone [the motion on] AB 8030 to the Council meeting on Nov. 2, 2020.

MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED, 3-3 (*Proponents: de Michele, Hunt, Walsh*).

MAIN MOTION CARRIED, 4-2 (*Opponents: de Michele, Hunt*).

c) **AB 8028 - Proposed 2021 Budget: Amending Community Planning & Development Fees**

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

Council President Hunt summarized email comments received on this item.

Following Council discussion,

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

Forward AB 8028 to the November 16, 2020 Council meeting for deliberation and action.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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 10:25 PM.

Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

