

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
January 4, 2021

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 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended to Jan. 19, 2021. 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  
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.

Mayor Pauly announced that, due to questions that have been raised by Council and community members regarding Consent Calendar item "f", AB 8087 - Property Acquisition for Sammamish Plateau Access Road (SPAR) Water System Project, the Administration would like to postpone this item to the Jan. 19 Council meeting so that the requested information can be provided. There being no objection, AB 8087 was removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered at the Jan. 19, 2021 Council meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pauly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

**a) ID 0789 - Association of Washington Cities Retro Refund Appreciation**

Peter King, CEO of the Association of Washington Cities, shared information about the Worker's Compensation Retro Program and thanked the City for providing a safe workplace, resulting in a refund through the program.

**b) AB 8081 - Election of Council President and Deputy Council President for 2021**

Mayor Pauly opened the nominations for 2021 Council President.

Councilmember de Michele nominated Victoria Hunt as Council President for 2021.

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

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE, VICTORIA HUNT WAS ELECTED AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, 7-0.**

Mayor Pauly opened the nominations for 2021 Deputy Council President.

Councilmember Goodman nominated Chris Reh as Deputy Council President.

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

**BY ROLL CALL VOTE, CHRIS REH WAS ELECTED AS DEPUTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, 7-0.****AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

- Corby Casler, representing the Downtown Issaquah Association, spoke regarding reviving the Streatery in 2021 and requested input from the City Council.

Council President Hunt summarized email comments received on tonight's agenda.

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS***Councilmember Hall:*

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

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

*Councilmember de Michele:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.

Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report.

Connect to Connect Advisory Board, Healthier Here - Was appointed to this Advisory Group. Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Goodman:*

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

*Councilmember Marts:*

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting and SCA board and committee training.

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Deputy Council President Reh:*

King County Growth Management Planning Council - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Council President Hunt:*

King County Conservation District Advisory Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session - None.
- Issaquah's Vaccine Community Partnership

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

Mayor Pauly reminded Councilmembers that due to action taken earlier in the meeting, Consent Calendar item "f", AB 8087 - Property Acquisition for Sammamish Plateau Access Road (SPAR) Water System Project, was removed from the Consent Calendar and will be considered at the Jan. 19 Council meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, SECONDED BY REH; MOTION CARRIED (7-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED (agenda item "f" removed).**

- a) **ID 0754 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Dec. 21, 2020 & Jan. 4, 2021, \$9,011,068.45;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Dec. 7, 2020;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Dec. 7, 2020;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Dec. 8, 2020;** Approved.
- e) **AB 7964 - Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) (Network Infrastructure & COVID-19);** Authorized acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant funds in the amount of \$20,618 and \$7,062 for emergency network infrastructure connectivity equipment and COVID-19 public health emergency response and execution of the grant agreements with the Washington State Military Department.
- f) **AB 8087 - Property Acquisition for Sammamish Plateau Access Road (SPAR) Water System Project;** Removed from the Consent Calendar to be considered at the Jan. 19, 2021 Council meeting.
- g) **AB 8088 - Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA Public Assistance Grant;** Authorized acceptance of FEMA Public Assistance grant funds and execution of the grant agreement with the Washington State Military Department for damages incurred as a result of the severe storms in early 2020.
- h) **AB 8091 - 2021 Water Main Replacement Project;** Awarded the construction contract for the 2021 Water Main Replacement Project to A Advanced Septic & Construction Services in the amount of \$825,331.10 (including sales tax).
- i) **AB 8093 - Hearing Examiner Appointment;** Reappointed Sound Law Center for the services of Hearing Examiner for the period of Jan. 1, 2021 through Dec. 31, 2022.

- j) **AB 8094 - Temporarily Forego Rate Escalation of Japan Ginger Teriyaki & Sushi Bar Lease;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Japan Ginger Teriyaki & Sushi Bar for the City-owned property at 220 Front St. N to forego the scheduled 2% increase of the base rent through Dec. 31, 2021.

**REGULAR BUSINESS** - None.

**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 7:42 PM.

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Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor