

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
February 16, 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. 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  
Christine Eggers, 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 0790 - 2020 Community Awards Recognition**

Mayor Pauly inducted 2020 Hall of Fame recipient David Waggoner into the Issaquah Hall of Fame, a top honor for making a lasting contribution to our community. The Mayor also announced the community award recipients who were honored at the Jan. 28 event.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

- Mary Lynch, 2690 Oakcrest Dr., requested additional public notification options and expressed concerns regarding pedestrian access to the trailhead along Newport Way NW.

The following individuals spoke in support of AB 8128, Business Assistance Grants:

- Corby Casler, representing the Downtown Issaquah Association
- Ken Hughes, representing Jak's Grill, Sunset Alehouse and El 42 Cantina
- Susan Bridges, owner of Yum- E Yogurt
- Brenda DeVore, representing the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce
- Rick & Reisa Ragan, owners of Montalcino Ristorante Italiano
- Claude Blumenzweig, owner of Vino Bella Wine Bar

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

## COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

*Councilmember de Michele:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership – Made report.

*Councilmember Walsh:*

Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce – Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Goodman:*

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Interview Panel – Announced upcoming meeting.  
Eastside Fire & Rescue Board – Made report.

*Councilmember Marts:*

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee – Made report.  
Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board – Made report.

*Deputy Council President Reh:*

King County Growth Management Planning Council – Announced upcoming meeting.

*Council President Hunt:*

King Conservation District Advisory Committee – Made report.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be an executive session this evening to discuss the sale of City real estate per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). The item is expected to last 30 minutes. No action is anticipated in open session.
- Virtual Council Meetings & Public Participation
- Issaquah Community Vaccine Partnership

## INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

a) **ID 0805 - Community Survey**

Autumn Monahan, Assistant to the City Administrator, provided the City Council an informational update on the City's next community survey.

b) **ID 0836 - Central Park Pad #3 Turf Replacement**

Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director, provided an informational update on the turf system materials recommended to be used in the Central Park Pad #3 Turf Replacement project, a budgeted 2021 capital project.

The bid award for the Central Park Pad #3 will return to the City Council for action at the March 1, 2021 Council meeting.

**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 0757 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Feb. 16, 2021, \$ 6,490,583.91;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Study Session, Jan. 26, 2021;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Feb. 1, 2021;** Approved.
- d) **AB 8096 - Storage Shed Lease Amendment (Concorde Investments);** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Amendment to the Lease Agreement with Concorde Investments for the City-owned storage shed to forego the scheduled increase of the base rent through March 31, 2022.
- e) **AB 8105 - 2021 Carpet Replacement Project (Police Flooring);** Awarded the construction contract for the 2021 Carpet Replacement Project to Legacy Group in the amount of \$144,395.05 (including sales tax).
- f) **AB 8111 - 2020-2021 Budget Reauthorizations;** Action taken under AB 8112, First 2021 Budget Amendment.
- g) **AB 8112 - First 2021 Budget Amendment;** Adopted Ordinance No. 2939, reauthorizing remaining 2020 funds for certain projects; and amending the 2021 budget as set forth in Ordinance No. 2927 concerning revenues, expenditures, and fund balance for various funds.
- h) **AB 8121 - Amendment to 12th Avenue NW & SR 900/17th Ave Design Contract;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment #1 to the contract with HDR, Inc. for the 12th Avenue NW & SR 900/17th Ave NE Improvement Project.
- i) **AB 8131 - Interagency Agreement with the City of Sammamish for Jail Services;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interagency Agreement with the City of Sammamish for Jail Inmate Housing.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **AB 8080 - 2021 Docket of Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendments**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Senior Planner Christen Leeson. Following Council discussion,

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

Approve the 2021 Docket of Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendments as presented.

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

Amend the 2021 Docket of Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map Amendments to remove proposed amendment #6, "Redesignation / rezone: private property parcel 2024069056."

**MOTION TO AMEND FAILED, 2-5.** (*Proponents: Hunt, Marts*)

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

b) **AB 8127 - Funding for Emergency Housing**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Monica Negrila, Human Services Manager. Following Council discussion,

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

Authorize the allocation of \$45,000 for emergency housing/shelter services to help support individuals who are homeless in Issaquah as presented; and direct the Finance Director to include \$45,000 in a subsequent 2021 budget amendment from the General Fund.

**MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

c) **AB 8128 - Business Assistance Grants**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Coordinator. Following Council discussion,

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

Postpone AB 8128, Business Assistance Grants, to the March 15, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

**MOTION FAILED, 3-4.** (*Proponents: de Michele, Hunt, Walsh*)

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

Authorize the allocation of \$250,000 for business grants as presented; and direct the Finance Director to include \$250,000 in a subsequent 2021 budget amendment from the General Fund.

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

Amend the business grant program to include non-profits that are eligible with the brick and mortar and employee criteria.

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

Amend the amendment, so that non-profits are defined as 501(c)(4)(s) or 501(c)(6)(s).

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT CARRIED, 5-2.** (*Opponents: Goodman, Hall*)

**AMENDMENT AS AMENDED FAILED, 3-4.** (*Proponents: de Michele, Hunt, Walsh*)

**MAIN MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.****IT WAS MOVED BY DE GOODMAN, SECONDED BY MARTS, TO:**

Direct the Administration to return at the March 15, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting with information and options for the Council to consider regarding business grants for 501(c)(3)(s), 501(c)(4)(s) and 501(c)(6)(s).

**MAIN MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**d) **AB 8129 - Fit & Fun Outside Funding**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director. Following Council discussion,

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

Authorize the allocation of \$40,000 for the implementation of the Fit and Fun Outside initiative as recommended by the Recovery Task Force; and direct the Finance Director to include \$40,000 in a subsequent 2021 budget amendment from the General Fund.

**MOTION CARRIED, 6-1.** (*Opponent: Reh*)

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings – Announced anticipated agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Due to the late hour, the Executive Session was not held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 PM.

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Christine Eggers, City Clerk

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor