

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
March 15, 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
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 public comment was provided:

- Dani Franich, representing Village Theatre, [insert]
- Steve Pereira, resident, spoke regarding concerns with the number of units for lower area median income levels in the Transit Oriented Development project (AB 8150).
- Elizabeth Maupin, resident, spoke regarding concerns with the number of units for lower area median income levels in the Transit Oriented Development project (AB 8150).

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

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Hall:

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
Affordable Housing Committee of the Growth Management Planning Council - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember de Michele:

Healthier Here Governing Board - Made report.
Connect2 Community Advisory Group - Made report.

Councilmember Walsh:

Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Goodman:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report.

Councilmember Marts:

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

Deputy Council President Reh:

King County Growth Management Planning Council - Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Hunt:

WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Announced upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be an executive session this evening to discuss pending and potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The item is expected to last 30 minutes. No action is anticipated in Open Session.
- National Safe Place Week Proclamation
- Women in Public Office Day
- Issaquah Community Vaccine Partnership Update

Bryan Thompson, representing Friends of Youth, thanked the City for the National Safe Place Week Proclamation.

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

a) **ID 0854 - Community Courts**

Judge N. Scott Stewart and Kristi Schorn, Court Administrator, made a presentation on potential implementation of a Community Court.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Councilmember Goodman requested that AB 8146 - Criteria for Removing Items from Land Use Code (Title 18) Update Project (item “m”) be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered under Regular Business.

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

- a) **ID 0759 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of March 15, 2021, \$3,768,982.99;** Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Feb. 16, 2021;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Study Session, Feb. 23, 2021;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Feb. 23, 2021;** Approved.
- e) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, March 1, 2021;** Approved.
- f) **AB 8054 - Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Grant;** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$41,591.31 and execution of the grant agreement with Public Health, Seattle and King County for waste reduction and recycling programs.
- g) **AB 8100 - Mobility Master Plan Adoption;** Approve Resolution No. 2021-04, adopting the entire Mobility Master Plan, including the plan strategies and actions.
- h) **AB 8115 - Interagency Agreement with the City of Bellevue for Jail Inmate Housing;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interagency Agreement with the City of Bellevue for Jail Inmate Housing.
- i) **AB 8116 - Interagency Agreement with the City of Maple Valley for Jail Inmate Housing;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interagency Agreement with the City of Maple Valley for Jail Inmate Housing.
- j) **AB 8136 - Consolidated Appeal of Hearing Examiner's Denial of the Preliminary Plat of High Street Collection at Issaquah Highlands, QUASI-JUDICIAL, APP21-00001 & APP21-00002;** 1) Consolidated APP21-0001 and APP21-0002 and set the closed record appeal hearing to be heard at the Regular Council meeting of April 5, 2021; and 2) Approved the schedule and hearing procedures as set forth in Exhibit D of AB 8136.
- k) **AB 8139 - Non-Profit Relief Grant Funding;** Postponed the non-profit relief funding discussion to the April 5, 2021 Council meeting.
- l) **AB 8142 - Economic Vitality Commission Appointments & Amendments to IMC 2.89;** Adopted Ordinance No. 2940, amending Issaquah Municipal Code, IMC 2.89.020 Membership and IMC 2.89.050 Duties and Responsibilities of the Economic Vitality Commission; and confirm Mayor's appointments as presented.
- m) **AB 8146 - Criteria for Removing Items from Land Use Code (Title 18) Update Project;** Removed from the Consent Calendar; to be considered as Regular Business item "a".
- n) **AB 8148 - Banking Services Agreement and Designating Authorized Signers;** Approved Resolution No. 2021-05, authorizing the Mayor to sign the Master Services Agreement and related documents to designate U.S. Bank for banking services and designating authorized signers on the bank accounts.

REGULAR BUSINESSa) **AB 8146 - Criteria for Removing Items from Land Use Code (Title 18) Update Project****IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, SECONDED BY GOODMAN, TO:**

Approve Resolution No. 2021-06, adopting criteria for considering changes to Title 18 separately from the Title 18 Land Use Code update project.

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

Amend the resolution to add:

“Section 2. Procedure. The Ad Hoc Committee shall make a recommendation to the City Administration and City Council concerning any proposal to place topics within the Title 18 scope of work on a separate schedule or track. The Ad Hoc Committee shall base its recommendation on the criteria set forth in Section 1. The City Council shall consider the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation and may approve, reject, or approve the recommendation with modifications using the criteria set forth in Section 1.”

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.

b) **AB 8151 - Expressing Support for a State Transportation Revenue Package**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Gene Paul, Management Analyst and Holly Cocci and Marian Dacca with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Affairs. Following Council discussion,

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

Approved Resolution No. 2021-07, expressing support for state transportation funding, including the adoption of a new a transportation revenue package.

Councilmember Hall declared a conflict of interest due to the ethics policies applicable to him as an employee of the Washington State Legislature. Councilmember Hall stated that he would recuse himself from voting on the proposed resolution.

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

Amend the resolution to add the following to the WHEREAS clause regarding fish-passage barriers:

"removal of fish-passage barriers is important for the survival and restoration of migrating fish populations"

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 6-0 (Recused: Hall).

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 6-0 (Recused: Hall).

d) AB 8150 - Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Deputy City Administrator Andrea Snyder.

Councilmember feedback was provided, including:

- Support for the updated MOU as presented (majority)
- Concerns about potential City risk (minority)
- Support for proceeding to consider the MOU with the Purchase & Sale Agreements
- Follow-up information requested re: loading dock exception and City risk

This item is anticipated to return to the City Council for action in April.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pauly passed the gavel to Council President Hunt to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

At 9:30 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The item was expected to take approximately 30 minutes. A five-minute break was taken prior to convening the Executive Session. The session was extended by 35 minutes.

The following individuals convened into the Executive Session:

Councilmembers:

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

Administration/Staff:

Christine Eggers, City Clerk
 Brett Vinson, Attorney

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:42 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 PM.

Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor