

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
May 3, 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
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 spoke regarding concerns with the Sreatery on Front Street:

- Frank Stilwagner, resident and employee of Village Theatre
- John Houlihan, commercial property owner
- Ashwin Muthuvenkataraman, business owner
- Doreen Russell, business owner

The following individuals spoke in support of the Sreatery on Front Street:

- Krysten Carrera, resident
- Art Freas, owner of Art by Fire
- Sharon Freas, owner of Art by Fire
- Corby Casler, representing the Downtown Business Association

The following individual made other comments:

- Kathy McCorry, representing the Greater Chamber of Commerce, thanked the City for their support of the Eastside Regional Business Summit.

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

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS*Councilmember Hall:*

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Will provide report at next Council meeting. Announced upcoming meeting.

Growth Management Planning Council Affordable Housing Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember de Michele:

Connect2 Community Advisory Group - Made report.

Eastside Human Services Forum Legislative Committee - Made report.

Healthier Here Governing Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Walsh:

Puget Sound Regional Council Economic Development District - Announced upcoming meeting.

Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce - Announced upcoming meeting.

Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Title 18 Ad Hoc Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Goodman:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Marts:

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

Sounds Cities Association Public Issues Committee - May meeting is canceled.

Council President Hunt:

Title 18 Ad Hoc Committee - Made report. The Committee reviewed current concurrency methodology and reviewed the draft schedule for the public, Council and commission process.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be executive sessions this evening to discuss pending and potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The items are expected to last 60 minutes. No action is anticipated in Open Session.
- Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation
- Issaquah Community Vaccine Partnership Update

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 0820 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of May 3, 2021, \$6,209,102.38;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: Special City Council Study Session, March 29, 2021;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, April 5, 2021;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Study Session, April 13, 2021;** Approved.
- e) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, April 13, 2021;** Approved.
- f) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, April 19, 2021;** Approved.
- g) **AB 8102 - 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG);** Authorized submittal of the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant application to support Issaquah's Emergency Management Division.
- h) **AB 8139 - Non-Profit Relief Grant Funding;** Postponed the non-profit relief funding discussion to the June 7, 2021 Council meeting.
- i) **AB 8155 - Amendments to IMC 2.62, Dept. of Emergency Management, Regarding the Emergency Manager Position;** Adopted Ordinance No. 2942, amending IMC 2.62 to provide for the reorganization of the City's emergency management operations; and added an Emergency Manager classification to the City's classification and compensation plan; and directed the Human Resources Director to amend the 2021 salary ordinance, Ordinance No. 2928, to reflect the revised salary and wage schedule at the next practicable time to do so.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **AB 8123 - 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan, including Transportation Improvement Program**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Senior Budget Analyst, Susie Monsell.

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 8:06 PM.

The following individuals provided public comments:

- Mariah Bettise, spoke in support of increasing funding for the NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Improvement Project.
- Connie Marsh, spoke regarding the need to consider older neighborhoods such as South Cove and Squak Mountain when considering the TIP projects and expressed concerns with the Newport Way SR 900 to 12th Ave NW Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements project.

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

Continue the public hearing to the May 17, 2021, Council meeting to allow for additional public testimony.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Susie Monsell, Senior Budget Analyst provided a second presentation on the utility projects in the proposed CIP and responses to questions raised at the April 27 Council Study Session.

City Councilmembers provided feedback, including:

- Support for current mix of utility projects
- Request for more funding contingencies for the NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Improvement Project, and concern with potentially using Transportation Benefit District (TBD) funding for the project
- Suggest discussion on recommendation of use of Lakeside Development Agreement funds
- Encourage future conversation regarding scope of Wayfinding & Park Signage (PK 044)
- Support for prioritizing safety projects
- Concern with lack of identified funding in the CIP in 2023 and beyond

The City Council will next consider the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan at the May 11, 2021 Council Study Session.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 8165 - Amending City Council Rules of Procedure Re: Adding Council New Business**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by City Clerk Tina Eggers.

Following Council discussion,

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

Approve Resolution No. 2021-08, amending the City Council Rules of Procedure to amend Section 4.05 and add a new Section 4.17 adding New Business as an Order of Business to City Council meetings; establishing a New Business Request process; and amending Section 4.04, Agenda Preparation; and, Adopt Ordinance No. 2943, amending IMC 2.06.110 adding a New Business as an Order of Business at City Council meetings.

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

Refer AB 8165 to the Council Rules Ad Hoc Committee to include in their review and recommendation, returning to the full Council on, or before, July 6, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:58 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending and potential per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The item was expected to take approximately 60 minutes.

Mayor Pauly passed the gavel to Council President Hunt to preside over the Executive Session and left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:44 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 PM.

Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor