

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
October 18, 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 (*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, 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 comment:

- Danielle Clark, City employee, spoke in opposition to the vaccine mandate and the MOU for the Teamsters 763 (AB 8258).
- Kristi Tripple, representing Rowley Properties, spoke in support of the Issaquah Police Dept. (IPD) and the IPD and Human Services budgets for 2022.
- Shane Nicholson, City employee, spoke in opposition to the vaccine mandate and the MOU for the Teamsters 763 (AB 8258).

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 Growth Management Planning Council - Made report.
Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember de Michele:

HealthierHere Governing Board - Made report.
 Connect2 Community Advisory Group - Made report.
 Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.

Councilmember Walsh:

King County Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C) Elected Officials Work Session - Made report.
 Community Dinner on Police Crisis Response – Summarized meeting.
 Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce - Made report.

Councilmember Goodman:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report.

Council President Hunt:

King Conservation District Advisory Committee - Made report.
 Title 18 Ad Hoc Committee - Met on Oct. 15th and discussed new state requirements for code around emergency shelters and indoor emergency housing. Discussed recommendation from the Community Planning & Development Dept. (CPD) and discussed the information that will be provided to the Planning Policy Commission (PPC).

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be an executive session this evening to review the performance of a public employee, RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The item is expected to last 15 minutes. No action is anticipated to follow in open session.
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Capital Finance Community Task Force
- Abandoned Shopping Carts
- State Recreation and Conservation Office Grant Agreement
- Appointments to the Equity Board
- Virtual Job Fair
- Economic Development Team

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

a) **ID 0980 - Visit Issaquah Update**

Visit Issaquah Board Member Patty Hagar presented an update on Visit Issaquah's activities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember de Michele requested that the following statement be entered on the minutes:

For the record that I am currently employed with an entity that is included in the City's payables, Influence the Choice. I currently fill the role of temporary Executive Director of Influence the Choice. The City serves as a fiscal agent for this agency in the disbursement of a federal fund. Grant funds are being dispersed under this month's accounts payables. I have asked for advice from the City attorney as to whether this warrants a conflict of interest and have been informed that I am not legally required to be excused from voting as the City is carrying out a decision that was previously made

by the Council. However, for the sake of transparency, I would like to declare this employment and have this statement entered on the minutes.

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 (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 0894 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Oct. 18, 2021, \$ 4,002,641.51;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Sept. 20, 2021;** Approved.
- c) **AB 7939 - Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) Grant for Harvey Manning Park Expansion;** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$2,658,961 and execution of the grant agreement with State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office for the Harvey Manning Park Expansion Acquisition project.
- d) **AB 7963 - FY 2021 Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (Microenterprise Business Assistance);** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$75,000 and execution of the grant agreement with King County for the Microenterprise Business Assistance program.
- e) **AB 8097 - National Highway System (NHS) Asset Management Program Grant;** Authorized the acceptance of NHS grant funds of \$2,016,000 for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway SE Pavement Preservation Project and \$1,222,000 for the SE 43rd Way Pavement Preservation Project; and, authorized the Mayor to execute Local Agency Agreements and Project Prospectuses for the projects with WSDOT; and directed the Finance Director to include \$2,016,000 for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway SE Pavement Preservation Project and \$1,222,000 for the SE 43rd Way Pavement Preservation Project in a subsequent 2021 budget amendment.
- f) **AB 8176 - King County Flood Control District Grant (East Lake Sammamish Parkway West Ditch Conveyance Project and Pickering Ditch Flood Control Project);** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$420,000 and execution of the grant agreement with the King County Flood Control District for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway project and the Pickering Ditch Habitat and Drainage project; and directed the Finance Director to include \$300,000 of grant revenue for Project ST 002, East Lake Sammamish Parkway West Ditch Conveyance, in a subsequent 2022 budget amendment, if needed.
- g) **AB 8240 - Eastside Transportation Partnership Interlocal Agreement;** Authorized the Mayor to approve the Interlocal Agreement for the King County Eastside Transportation Partnership.
- h) **AB 8242 - Appointment of Municipal Judge;** Confirmed Mayor's appointment of N. Scott Stewart to serve as an Issaquah Municipal Court Judge; appointment expiring December 31, 2025.
- i) **AB 8243 - Memorandum of Understanding with Issaquah Police Support Services Association (IPSSA);** Ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Issaquah Police Support Services Association regarding referral, recruitment, retention, and

training bonuses for dispatch staff, and authorized the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

- j) **AB 8255 - Appointments to Equity Board & Human Services Commission;** Confirmed the appointments to the new Equity Board and existing Human Services Commission as presented; terms effective immediately.
- k) **AB 8264 - FY 2023 State Dept. of Ecology Water Quality Combined Funding Grant;** Authorized submittal of the Department of Ecology FY 2023 Water Quality Combined Funding Program Grant application for the NW Birch Place Stormwater Treatment Retrofit Project.
- l) **AB 8269 - 2021 FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance Sub-Application Grant;** Authorized submittal of a FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance sub-application to the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department for the purpose of assisting homeowners in raising structures located in the 100-year floodplain.
- m) **AB 8270 - 2021 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Sub-Application Grant (Black Nugget Wall);** Authorized submittal of a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant sub-application to the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department for the SE Black Nugget Road Retaining Wall project.
- n) **AB 8272 - ITS Traffic Camera Upgrade;** Accepted completion of the ITS Traffic Camera Upgrade project and release of the retainage to the contractor.
- o) **AB 8273 - American Tower Asset Sub, LLC Settlement Agreement;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Settlement Agreement between the City and American Tower Asset Sub, LLC.
- p) **AB 8274 - American Tower Asset Sub, LCC Facilities Lease for Telecommunications Facilities at 2285 Squak Mountain Loop;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute a renewed facilities lease with American Tower Asset Sub, LLC for telecommunications facilities located 2285 Squak Mountain Loop.
- q) **AB 8275 - American Tower Asset Sub, LLC Facilities Lease for Telecommunications Facilities at 6104 221st Place S.E.;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute a facilities lease agreement with American Tower Asset Sub, LLC for telecommunications facilities at 6104 221st Place S.E. as proposed.
- r) **AB 8278 - 2021 Visit Issaquah Contract;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the proposed contract amendment with Visit Issaquah.
- s) **AB 8271 - 2022 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Visit Issaquah Funding Request;** Approved the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee's recommendation to contract with Visit Issaquah for \$180,000 of tourism promotion and destination marketing services in 2022 and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute a 2022 contract for Visit Issaquah for the same.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 8258 - Memorandum of Understanding for Teamsters 763**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Human Resources Director Stephanie Johnson. Following Council discussion,

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

Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Teamsters Local Union No. 763 regarding mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

b) **AB 8268 - Interlocal Agreement with the City of Redmond for Mutual Aid Dispatch Services**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Police Chief Scott Behrbaum and Commander Lauren Truscott. Following Council discussion,

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

Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Redmond and the City of Issaquah for Mutual Aid Dispatch Services.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

c) **AB 7901 - Forest Carbon Credit Program Application (Harvey Manning Park Acquisition)**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Watling. Following Council discussion,

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

Authorize submittal of a carbon credit application for the Harvey Manning Park Acquisition Preservation Project, and authorize the Mayor to execute all necessary documents, including a purchase and sale agreement, to secure the City's first carbon sale.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

d) **AB 8254 - American Rescue Plan Act Funding Allocation re: Small Business Flex Fund and Issaquah Rental Assistance Program**

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

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

Authorize the allocation of \$600,000 of the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as follows:

1. \$300,000 for an investment in the State's Small Business Flex Fund; and
2. \$300,000 for the creation of an Issaquah Rental Assistance Program; and

Direct the Finance Director to include the revenue and related expenditures in a subsequent 2021 budget amendment.

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

Amend the motion to:

Change \$300,000 for rental assistance to \$500,000

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 6-0.

The main motion as amended was before the Council:

Authorize the allocation of \$800,000 of the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding as follows:

1. \$300,000 for an investment in the State's Small Business Flex Fund; and
2. \$500,000 for the creation of an Issaquah Rental Assistance Program.

Direct the Finance Director to include the revenue and related expenditures in a subsequent 2021 budget amendment.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 6-0.

The City Council provided input on providing ARPA funding to other governmental agencies performing essential work, including:

- Need to focus funds on Issaquah residents, or have partnership from other cities that these agencies work in
- Want to better understand the needs of the other organizations

The Administration will return to the City Council with potential agency funding options at the beginning of 2022.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

Councilmember de Michele:

Sound Transit Virtual Open House for Light Rail - Encouraged all to take the online survey or attend a future virtual open house.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:52 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing performance of a public employee per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The item was expected to take approximately 15 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:08 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM.

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor