

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
November 1, 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, 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 comments:

- Jonathan Smith, spoke regarding a litter pick-up event being held in Issaquah on Nov. 6 and the first Saturday of each month on an on-going basis.
- David Bush, resident and member of the Civil Service Commission, spoke regarding concerns with staffing levels in the Issaquah Police Dept.
- Elizabeth Maupin, spoke in support of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority Agreement for Housing Vouchers (AB 8282).
- Connie Marsh, spoke regarding challenges joining virtual meetings, the need to inform board/commission members of past City decisions and policies, a need for litter pick-up, and challenges with police staffing.

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

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Hall:

Growth Management Planning Council Affordable Housing Committee - Made report.

Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Human Services Forum - Announced upcoming meetings.

HealthierHere Governing Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Marts:

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

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - The November meeting is canceled.

Council President Hunt

Title 18 Land Use Ad Hoc Committee - Met on Oct. 28 and discussed the scope of the work in the Committee. Reviewed materials going to the Planning Policy Commission this week, including materials regarding the transfer of development rights, the landmark and archaeology parts of Title 18 and affordable housing. The Committee will next meet two weeks from Oct. 28 [Nov. 10 due to Veteran's Day holiday].

Issaquah School District and City of Issaquah Leadership Quarterly Meeting – Made report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be an executive session this evening to discuss pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4). The items are expected to last 35 minutes. No action is anticipated in open session.
- City Hall Reopening
- Use of City Facilities
- King County Elections
- Police Chief
- Capital Finance Community Task Force
- Equity Board Kick-Off
- Upcoming Community Events

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 (7-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 0893 – Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Nov. 1, 2021, \$5,921,470.39;** Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Oct. 4, 2021;** Approved.
- c) **AB 8104 – Senior Center Roof Replacement Project;** Accepted completion of the Issaquah Senior Center Roof Replacement project and release of the retainage to the contractor.
- d) **AB 8244 – Memorandum of Understanding with Issaquah Police Officers Association (IPOA);** Ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Issaquah Police Officers' Association regarding referral, retention, and training bonuses, and authorized the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **AB 8282 – King County Regional Homelessness Authority Agreement for Housing Vouchers**

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 Mayor to enter into an agreement with King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) to administer ten (10) Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) that will support people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.

Without objection, the following substitute amendment was adopted, removing reference to ten vouchers:

Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) to administer Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) that will support people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.

- b) **AB 8199 – Proposed 2022 Budget: Levy & Revenue Sources**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Autumn Monahan, Interim Finance Director. Following Council discussion,

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 2956, levying property taxes for the City of Issaquah for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2022, on all property, both real and personal, in said City which is subject to taxation for the purpose of paying sufficient revenue to carry on the services of the said City for the ensuing year as required by law.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

- c) **AB 8247 – Proposed 2022 Budget: Revenue Sources – Utility Tax for Sammamish Plateau Water District Customers**

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 2957, amending Chapter 5.32 of the Issaquah Municipal Code relating to the utility business and occupation tax for water and sewer utilities; providing for referendum and establishing an effective date.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

- d) **AB 8231 – Proposed 2022 Budget: Revenue Sources – Amending Community Planning and Development Fees**

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 2958, amending Chapter 3.64 and Section 109 of Chapter 16.04 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to apply a cost of living increase to the City’s land use and site work permit fees, building, plumbing and mechanical fees and additional fees for inspections, plan review and other related services; amending Subsection 107.3.1 of Chapter 16.04 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to clarify the application of fees related to the use of consultants; providing for severability and establishing an effective date of January 1, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

- e) **AB 8251 – Performance Measurements**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Management Analyst Dale Markey-Crimp. Following Council discussion,

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

Approve the updated Citywide performance measures.

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

Amend the performance measures by substituting the “Linear feet of walkways constructed and maintained” measure with “Total linear feet of walkways citywide”; and direct the Finance Director to include \$10,000 in the proposed 2022 budget to survey the total length of sidewalks and trails in the City.”

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings – Announced anticipated agenda items.

Councilmember Hall:

Growth Management Planning Council Affordable Housing Committee Draft 2022 State Legislative Priorities - Requested feedback.

Councilmember Goodman:

Title 18 Ad Hoc Committee Scope of Work - Requested feedback on whether the Committee was within its scope in providing input on materials that were to be provided to the Planning Policy Commission. Councilmembers provided feedback on the Committee's scope and requested that the Administration return to the City Council with options to bring more transparency to the Committee at the Nov. 15 Council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4). The items were expected to take approximately 35 minutes. The session was extended by 15 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:58 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

