

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
March 7, 2022

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers:

Barbara de Michele
Zach Hall
Victoria Hunt
Russell Joe
Tola Marts
Chris Reh
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk
Chris Grabowski, 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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) **ID 1039 - Introduction & Swearing In of Issaquah Police Department New Hires**

Interim Police Chief Paula Schwan introduced Corrections Officers Julian Grace and Narjan Salman. Mayor Pauly provided the oath of office to the officers.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Romare Morales, student, spoke regarding safety issues with the lighting at the Tibbetts Valley skate park.
- Nikhil Hunter, student, spoke regarding a lack of analysis and statistics about the City on the website.
- Mark Clemens, representing the Downtown Issaquah Association (DIA), spoke regarding upcoming DIA events.
- Alicia Spinner, representing the Issaquah Cultural Circle, shared the group's work, non-profit status, and thanked the City for grant funds.

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

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 CWO Finance & Management Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember de Michele:

HealthierHere Governing Board - Made report.
 Eastside Human Services Forum - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Transportation Forum - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hunt:

WRIA Salmon Recovery Council - Announced upcoming meeting.
 King Conservation District Advisory Committee Subcommittee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Regional Water Quality Committee - Made report.

Councilmember Marts:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will not be an executive session this evening.
- Solidarity with Ukraine
- Pandemic Milestone
- 2021 Community Awards Ceremony
- Upcoming Community Events
- City Hall Hours

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

IT WAS MOVED BY WALSH, SECONDED BY HALL; MOTION CARRIED (7-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 0970 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of March 7, 2022, \$ 3,470,221.84;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Jan. 27, 2022;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Feb. 22, 2022;** Approved.
- d) **AB 8262 - Washington State Dept. of Commerce Housing Action Plan and Implementation (HAPI) Grant;** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 and execution of the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for implementation of portions of the Housing Strategy Work Plan; and directed the Finance Director to include the grant revenue and related expenditures in a subsequent 2022 budget amendment, if needed.

- e) **AB 8325 - 2022 Arts Grant Recommendations;** Approved funding for the first round of 2022 Arts Grants, as recommended by the Arts Commission, for a total expenditure of \$110,900.
- f) **AB 8330 - Senior Planner Position;** Authorized the addition of a Senior Planner to the City's 2022 Personnel, Positions, and Full Time Equivalents (FTE); and directed the Chief Financial Officer to include an additional \$123,750 for this position in a subsequent 2022 budget amendment.
- g) **AB 8342 - Landscape Services Contract;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the contract with Canber Construction for City right-of-way landscape maintenance services in the amount of \$102,046.19.
- h) **AB 8347 - Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee;** Established the Council Rules Ad Hoc Committee to consider changes to the Council Rules of Procedure as identified in AB 8347, returning to the full Council at the April 18 Council meeting with a formal recommendation.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **AB 8332 - Capital Finance Community Task Force Recommendation Report**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Deputy City Administrator Andrea Snyder, Task Force Chair Cynthia Krauss and Vice Chair Jamie Finch.

Following Council discussion,

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

Receive the Capital Finance Community Task Force Recommendation Report.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

- b) **AB 8309 - Human Services Strategic Plan**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Human Services Manager Monica Negrila and Human Services Commission Chair Susan Leonelli.

Following Council discussion,

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

Approve Resolution No. 2022-06, adopting the Issaquah Human Services Strategic Plan.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

****AB 8345 and AB 8344 were presented jointly.****

c) AB 8345 - Rental Assistance Program Amendments

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Human Services Manager Monica Negrila and Chief Financial Officer Robert Hamud.

Following Council discussion,

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

Authorize modification to the Issaquah Rental Assistance Program created in October 2021 as follows:

1. Lift the three-month limit on rental assistance provided through this program to include all rental arrearages, and
2. Redistribute the original allocation of \$500,000 in rental assistance to include:
 - \$350,000 to Hopelink (amend existing contract)
 - Up to \$150,000 to Imagine Housing (enter into a new contract)

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

d) AB 8344 - Reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funding

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

Reauthorize remaining 2021 funds of \$300,000 for a City contribution to the State Small Business Flex Fund and \$500,000 for a Rent Relief Program to the 2022 budget; and Reallocate the \$450,000 of funding for these two programs from American Rescue Plan Act funds to the undesignated General Fund fund balance; and Direct the Chief Financial Officer to incorporate these changes in a subsequent 2022 budget amendment.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a) *Council President Walsh:*
Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee - Appointed Councilmembers Marts, Reh and Hunt to the Committee.
- b) *Deputy Council President Hall:*
Virtual Meetings - Made comments regarding virtual meetings and returning to in person meetings.
- c) *Mayor Pauly:*
Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk