

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
July 5, 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

**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:

- Mark Clemens, Executive Director of the Downtown Issaquah Association (DIA), provided an update on past and upcoming DIA events.

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

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Joe:*

The Garage Teen Cafe Pride Event - Summarized the event.

*Councilmember de Michele:*

Connect2 Community Advisory Committee - Made report.

*Councilmember Hunt:*

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Regional Water Quality Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Reh:*

Eastside Fire & Rescue - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Marts:*

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

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There is an Executive Session scheduled for this evening to discuss pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and security of computer and telecommunications networks per RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(ii). These items are expected to take a total of 30 minutes. No action is anticipated in open session.
- Fourth of July Festivities
- Community Investment of ARPA Funds
- Board & Commission Extended Recruitment
- Upcoming Community Events

**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 1192 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of July 5, 2022, \$3,552,719.23;** Approved.
- b) Minutes: City Council Study Session, April 26, 2022; Approved.
- c) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, June 6, 2022; Approved.
- d) **ID 1080 - Informational Update: Public Records;** Received Report.
- e) **AB 8401 - American Tower Affidavit of Agent Authority for Backup Generator;** Authorized the Mayor to sign the affidavit of agent authority to allow American Tower/T-Mobile to apply for land use permits for the installation of a back-up generator by T-Mobile at the existing cell tower site at 2285 Squak Mountain Loop.
- f) **AB 8412 - Board & Commission Extended Recruitment Appointments;** Confirmed Mayor's appointments as presented in Exhibit A of AB 8412; and adopt Ordinance No. 2980 amending Issaquah Municipal Code, Section 2.24.020, Park Board Membership, increasing the number of alternate members.
- g) **AB 8418 - Position Reclassifications;** Approved the reclassification of the Senior Budget Analyst to Budget Manager and Senior Human Resources Analyst to Labor Relations & Risk Manager retroactive to July 1, 2022; and directed the Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources Director to amend the master salary ordinance to add these positions in a subsequent amendment.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

a) **AB 8364 - Electric Scooter Share Pilot Program Memorandum of Understanding**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Economic Development Coordinator Benton Coblentz and Transportation Program Coordinator John Larson-Friend.

Councilmember Joe, Mobility & Infrastructure Committee Chair, summarized the Committee's recommendation on the Electric Scooter Share Pilot Program.

**IT WAS MOVED BY JOE, SECONDED BY HALL, TO:**

Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Bird to begin an Electric Scooter Share Pilot Program.

**MOTION FAILED, 3-4** (*In Support: Joe, Marts, Hall*).

b) **AB 8422 - Community Investment Strategy**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Deputy City Administrator Andrea Snyder, Parks & Community Services Director Jeff Watling, and Chief Financial Officer Robert Hamud. Following Council discussion,

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

Direct the Administration to return to City Council with budget amendments for anticipated expenditures in 2022 that would implement the Community Investment Strategy by spending down anticipated General Fund undesignated ending fund balance and allocation of ARPA funds, including:

- Hiring two additional transportation engineers, one program coordinator, and one term limited parks planner.
- I-90 Multi Modal Study
- Investment in strategic parkland acquisition and improvement

**MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**IT WAS MOVED BY JOE, SECONDED BY DE MICHELE, TO:**

Direct the Administration to proceed with planning efforts for a \$4 million investment in one of the City's anchor parks using ARPA funds; and direct the Park Board to provide recommendations to City Council on which of the anchor parks should receive the new investment.

**IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, TO:**

Amend the motion to:

Delete: "direct the Park Board to provide recommendations to City Council on which of the anchor parks should receive the new investment."

Insert: "direct the Park Board to provide feedback to the City Council on the value of putting this funding towards the different Anchor Parks that are in the Parks Strategic Plan."

**THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED, 6-1 (Opposed: Walsh).**

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

Direct the Administration to proceed to incorporate the Community Investment Strategy within the 2023-2024 city budget, including:

- Anchor Park design and construction of Phase 1
- Community Mobility Investment Fund
- I-90 Multi Modal Study
- Roll over \$400,000 of undesignated General Fund ending fund balance for mobility network deferred maintenance
- \$2 million of undesignated General Fund ending fund balance to increase funding for strategic parkland acquisition and improvements; and
- Continued funding for new staffing positions (two additional transportation engineers, one program coordinator, and one term limited parks planner)

**IT WAS MOVED BY MARTS, TO:**

Delete "of Phase 1"

**THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED, 6-1 (Opposed: Walsh).**

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

*Council President Walsh:*

Sammamish & Redmond City Councilmembers - Met jointly with members of these City Councils with Councilmembers Hall and de Michele. Will be reaching out to the City Council regarding interest in future interactions.

National League of Cities Annual Conference - Asked if there is objection to an approximately \$2,000 travel cost for Councilmember de Michele to attend the conference in Kansas City, MO. No objections were stated.

*Deputy Council President Hall:*

Community Listening Session - Heard community interest in public safety and law enforcement. Thanked the public for coming and providing feedback. Will be proposing some changes to the format in the future.

2021 Water Quality Report - All standards were met. Thanked Public Works staff for all of their work to ensure this.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:37 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). This item was expected to take approximately 10 minutes. The session was extended by 10 minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:59 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 PM.

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

