

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
April 17, 2023

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 (*Attended Virtually*)
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 1399 - Ruth Kees and Community Environmental Awards

Mayor Pauly and Councilmember Marts presented the Ruth & Dan Kees Award for a Sustainable Environment to Robin Kelley.

Mayor Pauly and Council President Walsh presented the Community Environmental Award to Anne Newcomb.

Mayor Pauly and Deputy Council President Hall presented the Community Environmental Award to Jon Smith.

b) ID 1357 - Administrative Professionals Day Proclamation

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Human Resources Director Stephanie Johnson.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Paul Winterstein, Executive Director of the Issaquah Historical Society, shared information about the organization and his goals and focus as incoming Executive Director.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Mayor Pauly announced a correction to Agenda Bill 8599, Conner Homes Group Fee in Lieu of Frontage Improvement Agreement for Retaining Wall (Riva Townhomes), on the consent agenda this evening. The Financial section of AB 8599 incorrectly states that the total wall construction to mitigate against the potential for future landslides is estimated to be \$900,000. This is incorrect: The total project cost is anticipated to be over \$3.3 Million, including design. The Council's requested action tonight is to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Fee in Lieu of Frontage Improvement Agreement in which Conner Homes will contribute \$45,961 towards the part of the wall construction that is their responsibility. The City has procured a grant from FEMA which provides the City with additional funding for the project.

Councilmember Joe disclosed that Conner Homes is a member of the organization he is employed by (see AB 8599, Conner Homes Group Fee in Lieu of Frontage Improvement Agreement for Retaining Wall (Riva Townhomes)); the vote on this item has no bearing on his employment.

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

- a) **ID 1330 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of April 17, 2023, \$1,762,032.65;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, April 19, 2022;** Approved.
- c) **ID 1426 - Informational Update: Economic Development Quarterly Report - Q1 2023;** Received Report.
- d) **AB 8544 - Annual Board & Commission Appointments;** Confirmed board and commission appointments as presented in AB 8544, Exhibit A.
- e) **AB 8589 - Lower Issaquah Creek Stream and Riparian Habitat Enhancement (ST 006) Planting Contract;** Accepted completion of the Lower Issaquah Creek Stream and Riparian Habitat Enhancement Project Planting Contract and release of the retainage to the contractor.
- f) **AB 8595 - XO Franchise Agreement;** Introduced.
- g) **AB 8596 - Downtown Issaquah Association Lease Amendment;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute a lease amendment with the Downtown Issaquah Association.
- h) **AB 8599 - Conner Homes Group Fee in Lieu of Frontage Improvement Agreement for Retaining Wall (Riva Townhomes);** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Fee in Lieu of Frontage Improvement Agreement with the Conner Homes Group LLC.
- i) **AB 8603 - Costco Reciprocal Parking Lot Agreement for Issaquah Farmers Market;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Sixteenth Amendment to the Costco Reciprocal Parking Lot Agreement for the City to use the Costco parking garage during the Issaquah Farmers Market.

- j) **AB 8605 - Verizon Affidavit of Agent Authority for Gas Generator;** Authorized the Mayor to sign the affidavit of agent authority to allow Verizon Wireless and Tilson Technology Management to apply for land use permits for the minor modifications to the shelter, and replacement of the backup emergency diesel generator at the existing cell tower site at 6104 221st Place NE.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **AB 8398 - Title 18 Land Use Code**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Community Planning and Development Director Minnie Dhaliwal.

Councilmember Hunt, Chair of the Planning, Development, and Environment Committee, shared that the Committee's recommendation was provided at the March 13 Committee of the Whole Council meeting.

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 7:32 PM.

The following public comment was provided:

- Eric Oliner, Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank (IFCB) Board member, recommended changes to Title 18 to provide additional flexibility to meet the IFCB's parking needs.
- Casey Klebba, 1750 Brookside Drive SE, requested changes to Title 18 to allow small expansions of existing non-conforming structures to improve his property, which is situated in overlapping critical areas, and standards for building along the Creekside.
- Steve Pereira, resident, spoke regarding concerns over environmental losses and the State Environmental Policy Act thresholds.
- Kristi Tripple, representing Rowley Properties, spoke regarding concerns with vesting to the building permit and appreciates the improvements that have been made to the land use code.

The public hearing was closed at 7:47 PM.

This agenda bill will return to the City Council for action at the May 1, 2023 City Council meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **AB 8588 - Preferred Cross Section for TR 028 NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Improvement Project**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Public Works Engineering Utility Manager Matt Ellis, Senior Transportation Engineer Marina Bandla, and Scott Johnson, Project Manager with HDR.

Councilmember Reh, Chair of the Mobility & Infrastructure Committee, summarized the Committee's recommendation on this item.

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

Approve the preferred cross-section, Alternative A, for the NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Improvement Project and authorize the Administration to proceed with design and permitting.

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

Amend the motion to substitute Alternative C for Alternative A.

AMENDMENT FAILED, 2-5 (*In support: Hall, Joe*).

MAIN MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

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

Direct the Administration to return to the City Council at the May 15 Regular meeting with feasibility, cost estimates and other considerations for a temporary protected bike lane on NW Sammamish Road.

MOTION FAILED, 2-5 (*In Support: Reh, Walsh*).

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS*Councilmember de Michele:*

Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report.
Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.
Regional Transit Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.
Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Meeting canceled.

Deputy Council President Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Walsh:

Growth Management Planning Board - Made report.
Affordable Housing 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.
- Advisory Board Transition to Microsoft Teams
- Seeking Hall of Fame Nominations
- Sustainability Fair Summary
- Upcoming Community Events

INFORMATIONAL UPDATESa) **ID 1424 - Issaquah Police Dept. 2022 Crime Statistics**

Police Chief Paula Schwan provided a presentation on 2022 Crime Statistics and 2022 Biannual Year End Report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council President Walsh:

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Email Public Comment Summary – Announced that the practice of having the Council President summarize email comments received on agenda items at City Council meetings will be ended given the termination of the COVID-19 emergency proclamation.

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 9:59 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk