

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
August 7, 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, Mayor pro tem

Administration/Staff:

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor (*Excused Absence*)
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney
Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Walsh, Mayor pro tem, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor pro tem Walsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- a) **ID 1503 - Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Vision 2050 Environmental Stewardship Award (Carbon Forest Credits)**

PSRC Executive Director Josh Brown presented the award to Mayor pro tem Walsh and Parks & Community Services Director Jeff Watling.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- a) The following public comment was provided:

Ann Fletcher, resident, spoke in support of the Metro Flex On-Demand Pilot Program (AB 8624).

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- a) **ID 1476 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Aug. 7, 2023, \$4,422,715.64;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, March 30, 2023;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, April 24, 2023;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, May 1, 2023;** Approved.
- e) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, May 22, 2023;** Approved.
- f) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, May 22, 2023;** Approved.
- g) **AB 8659 - Dept. of Ecology Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership (Local Source Control Program Grant);** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$160,606.78 and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the Pollution Prevention Assistance Partnership program.
- h) **AB 8669 - Interagency Reimbursement Agreement with Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (State v. Blake Decision);** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interagency Reimbursement Agreement with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement of extraordinary costs of resentencing and vacating convictions related to the *State v. Blake* decision; and authorized including the grant revenue and related expenditures in the 2023-2024 mid-biennium budget adjustment, if needed.
- i) **AB 8671 - Broadband Public Outreach;** Directed the Administration to proceed with the broadband public outreach in September and October 2023 as proposed.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 8624 - Metro Flex On-Demand Pilot Program**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Transportation Program Coordinator John Larson-Friend and Meredith Sampson with King County Metro.

Councilmember Reh summarized the Mobility & Infrastructure Committee recommendation on this item.

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

Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the agreement as revised Aug. 7 with King County Metro to begin the Metro Flex Pilot Program; and authorize \$65,653 in funding for this project in 2023 and \$262,611 in 2024 to be included in the 2023-2024 mid-biennium budget adjustment.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

b) ID 1486 - WSDOT Fish Passage Project - City Property Impacts

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Public Works Director Emily Moon and Parks & Community Services Director Jeff Watling.

The City Council provided feedback, including:

- 1) Lewis Creek at SE Newport Way
 - Convert City Right-of-Way to WSDOT Limited Access for Roundabout at Lakemont Orchards Driveway. WSDOT should be owner of new bridge over Lewis Creek
- 2) West Village Park and Schneider Creek within Sammamish Cove Park
 - Allow for WSDOT proposed uses with conditions on City property.
- 3) Tibbetts Creek crossing of SR900 at Southern City Limits
 - Allow for WSDOT proposed uses on City property.

No formal action was requested on this agenda item.

c) ID 1470 - 2022 Year End Overview & 2023-24 Revenue Forecast

Chief Financial Officer Robert Hamud provided the 2022 year end overview and 2023-24 revenue forecast.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS*Councilmember Joe:*

Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - August meeting was canceled.
 Port Unplugged Event - Summarized event.
 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - Announced upcoming event.

Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Human Services Forum - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hunt:

Kokanee Work Group - Made report.

Councilmember Reh:

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Made report.

Councilmember Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - August meeting is canceled.
 Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Walsh:

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - August meeting is canceled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor pro tem Walsh reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be an Executive Session this evening to discuss property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The items are expected to take approximately 40 minutes; no action is anticipated to follow in open session.

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- 2023 National Night Out
- Upcoming Community Events

INFORMATIONAL UPDATESa) **ID 1519 - Informational Update: ICMA Fellow Presentation**

Ximena Chavez Reyes provided an overview of her experience as an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) fellow with the City of Issaquah.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Joe:

Association of Washington Cities Survey - Encouraged members to fill out the survey.

Mayor pro tem Walsh:

National Night Out - Shared that the event was a success.

Mayor pro tem Walsh:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONa) **ID 1522 - Executive Session - Property Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)**

At 9:27 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The City Council took a five-minute break and began the Executive Session at 9:34 PM. The item was expected to take approximately 40 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:13 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Mayor pro tem

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk