

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
December 4, 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 (*Excused Absence*)
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:

- Jessica Clawson, representing property owners, spoke regarding ID 1545 - Central Issaquah Pioneer Program and spoke in support of Option 2.
- Paul Winterstein, representing Issaquah History Museums, spoke in support of the trolley detection equipment included in the mid-biennium budget.
- Paula Stringer, volunteer with the Downtown Issaquah Association (DIA), spoke in support of the DIA's activities and thanked the City for their support.
- Lalani, volunteer with the Downtown Issaquah Association, invited everyone to Caroling at the Depot on Dec. 7 and Make Music Day.
- Connie Marsh, resident, spoke in opposition to the proposed public record fees (AB 8553 - Public Records Policy & Fee Schedule) and requested visibility in how the City is working with non-profits in Issaquah.

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 (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 1484 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Dec. 4, 2023, \$ 6,476,233.03;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, July 24, 2023;** Approved.
- c) **ID 1516 - Informational Update: Visit Issaquah Annual Report;** Received Report.
- d) **ID 1506 - Informational Update: Facilities Condition Assessment;** Received Report.
- e) **ID 1514 - Informational Update: Third Quarter Budget Report;** Received Report.
- f) **AB 8655 - Japan Ginger Lease Addendum No. 2 (220 Front Street North);** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute a lease addendum with YH & BS, LLC, Japan Ginger Teriyaki & Sushi Bar for the City-owned building at 220 Front Street North.
- g) **AB 8665 - 2024 Master Salary Ordinance;** Adopted Ordinance No. 3036, adopting the 2024 salary ordinance including a revised salary schedule for Teamsters 117, representing Police Commanders effective January 1, 2023 and revised salary schedules for American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Issaquah Police Officers Association, Issaquah Police Support Services Association, Teamsters 117, representing Police Commanders and Sergeants and Teamsters 763, representing Administrative Services Fleet and Public Works Operations, effective January 1, 2024; providing for severability; and establishing effective dates.
- h) **AB 8666 - Teamsters 117, Police Commanders Collective Bargaining Agreement;** Approved the terms of the 2023-2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Teamsters 117, Police Commanders and authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Agreement.
- i) **AB 8700 - Amending Community Planning and Development Fees;** Adopted Ordinance No. 3037, amending Chapter 3.64, Section 109 of Chapter 16.04, and Chapter 16.06 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, and fire permit fees and additional permit fees for inspections, plan review, and other related services; providing for severability and establishing an effective date of January 1, 2024.
- j) **AB 8706 - Inclusive Housing Investment Pool (formerly Strategic Opportunity Fund);** Authorized the creation and funding of the Inclusive Housing Investment Pool (IHIP) using restricted affordable housing revenue from the 0.1% sales tax for affordable housing and State pass-through revenues for affordable housing investments (HB 1590 and HB 1406) to preserve and create affordable housing.
- k) **AB 8711 - Newport Way: Sunset to Maple Project (TR 023) Design Contract Extension;** Authorized the Mayor to execute Supplement #2 with Perteet, Inc. for Newport Way Improvements: Maple to Sunset (TR 023) to extend the contract term through December 31, 2026.

- l) **AB 8712 - Municipal Court Judge Compensation;** Adopted Ordinance No. 3038, to adopt a Salary Schedule for Municipal Court Judge that has parity with the Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials in the Judicial branch of state government; providing for severability; and establishing effective dates.
- m) **AB 8722 - Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank Lease Addendum No. 2 (179 1st Ave SE);** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute a lease addendum with the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank for the City-owned building at 179 1st Ave SE.
- n) **AB 8723 - Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the University of Washington;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the University of Washington.
- o) **AB 8724 - City Facilities Extension of Janitorial Services Contracts;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute contract amendments with Synergy Building Services for janitorial services at City facilities; extending expiration dates to December 31, 2024 and adding funding in the amount of \$259,281.
- p) **AB 8732 - Department of Commerce Middle Housing Grant;** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$37,500 and execution of the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce for the Middle Housing Grant.
- q) **AB 8736 - Hauling and Street Waste Disposal Contract;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the agreement with OMA Construction, Inc. to provide hauling, disposal or recycling of wastes generated by maintenance activities conducted by the Public Works Operations Department.
- r) **AB 8740 - Police Worn Body Camera Contract** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for Body Worn Camera software, equipment and support for a five-year term using Sourcewell (Contract #010720-AXN), in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), in a final form approved by the City Attorney.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **AB 8662 - 2023-24 Mid-Biennium Budget Adjustment**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly.

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 3039, amending the 2023-24 budget as set forth in Ordinance No. 2994 and amended in Ordinance No. 3009 concerning revenues, expenditures, and fund balance for various funds.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

- b) **AB 8672 - 2024 Property Tax Levy**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly.

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 3040, levying property taxes for the City of Issaquah for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2024, 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 said City for the ensuing year as required by law.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

c) **AB 8670 - Transportation Benefit District Councilmanic Sales Tax**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly.

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 3041, imposing an additional sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent within the boundaries of the Issaquah Transportation Benefit District for the purpose of financing the costs associated with transportation improvements in the district, as authorized by RCW 82.14.0455 and adding a new Section 3.04.029 to the Issaquah Municipal Code.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

d) **AB 8553 - Public Records Policy & Fee Schedule**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Public Records Analyst Tammy Mueller.

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

Approve Resolution No. 2023-18, adopting a public records policy and public records fee schedule, and ordering publication of this resolution and the public records act rules; and adopt Ordinance No. 3042, repealing Chapter 1.28, Public Records and Chapter 3.60, Charges for Police Department Reports and Services, of the Issaquah Municipal Code.

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

Refer AB 8553 - Public Records Policy & Fee Schedule to the Committee of the Whole meeting on Jan. 8, 2023.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED, 5-1 (Opposed: Marts).

e) **ID 1545 - Central Issaquah Pioneer Program**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Economic Development Manager Jen Davis Hayes.

A majority of the City Council expressed support for pursuing the Pioneer Program to help realize the City's Central Issaquah vision.

Other City Council feedback included:

- Think it is too soon to be making changes to the current development options in Central Issaquah

- Would like to prioritize other affordable housing incentives before pursuing the Multi-Family Tax Exemption (MFTE)
- Would like to pursue suggestions in EconNW report
- Preference for affordability Option 1, 60% AMI
- Preference for affordability Option 2, 80% AMI but interested in a blend of requiring both 60% and 80% AMI
- Interest in two projects per zone as a program limit
- Consider offering options for developers to see what projects get built, which will inform future incentives
- Think it will be beneficial to consider this program in the context of other affordable housing proposals
- Would like more information on the MFTE program
- Interest in hearing from the school district on the financial impacts to them if the City pursues an MFTE program

This item is expected to return to the City Council in February 2024.

f) **AB 8663 - 2024 City Council Calendar**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by City Clerk Tisha Gieser.

A majority of the City Council expressed support for the 2024 City Council calendar.

Other City Council feedback included:

- Appreciate the City's adoption of a cultural and religious holiday calendar
- Do not schedule Community Listening Sessions at this time. Do a comprehensive review of the listening sessions further at a future meeting.
- Like having the Committee meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays

The City Council provided direction to bring the proposed calendar back for formal adoption at the Jan. 2, 2024 Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

a) **ID 1546 - New Business Request: Credit Card Processing Fees Cost Recovery Preliminary Staff Response**

Introduced by City Administrator Wally Bobkiewicz.

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

Request the Administration to add consideration of the credit card policy to the City's 2024 work plan and schedule it for a Services Safety and Parks Committee in the first quarter of 2024.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting(s).

Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

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Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Human Services Forum - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Regional Transit Committee - Dec. meeting has been canceled.

Councilmember Hunt:

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - The Dec. meeting has been canceled.

Councilmember Marts:

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

Deputy Council President Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Morocco Earthquake Fundraising Event

GOOD OF THE ORDER*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

Councilmember Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee Legislative Priorities - Shared the priorities and asked for any feedback.

Deputy Council President Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue 2024 Legislative Agenda - Shared the priorities and asked for any feedback.

Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Transportation Partnership Legislative Agenda - Shared the priorities and asked for any feedback.

Council President Walsh:

Employee Recognition Breakfast & Legislative Breakfast - Reminded Councilmembers of these upcoming events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk