

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
January 16, 2024

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 1614 - Korean American Day Proclamation

Mayor pro tem Walsh presented the proclamation to Sung Mi, Soon A Kim, Kyo Ho Hwang, Pil Jae Kim, Lisa Cho, and Shari Song from the Washington State Korean American Day Foundation.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Connie Marsh, resident, made comments regarding public accessibility of records and the importance of transparency in the City's financial expenditures to ensure accountability.
- Steve Pereira, resident, made comments regarding the Ad Hoc Financial Policy Committee's recommendation and encouraged keeping the approval thresholds low to ensure accountability. Mr. Pereira also made comments regarding the environmental impacts of growth and development.
- Elizabeth Maupin, resident, made comments regarding the stockpiling of nuclear weapons and requested the City take a stance against it.
- Ben, Issaquah High School student, shared concerns about the U.S. entering into a war.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- a) **ID 1630 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Jan. 16, 2024, \$6,223,544.26;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Sept. 18, 2023;** Approved.
- c) **ID 1548 - Informational Update: Lead Water Service Line Inventory Overview;** Received Report.
- d) **ID 1575 - Informational Update: Economic Development Quarterly Report - Q4 2023;** Received Report.
- e) **AB 8685 - Solar Plus Storage Grant Award;** Authorized acceptance of the Solar Plus Storage program funds in the amount of \$99,500 and execution of the grant agreement with Washington Department of Commerce for the Solar Plus Storage for Resilient Communities program; and directed the Chief Financial Officer to include the grant revenues and related expenditures in a subsequent 2023-2024 budget amendment, if needed.
- f) **AB 8728 - Multi-Family Housing Tax Exemption Ordinance;** Approved Resolution No. 2024-05, notifying the public of the City's intent to designate the Issaquah Highlands High Street Collection Residential Targeted Area and setting a public hearing for February 5, 2024.
- g) **AB 8744 - 2024 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Annual Appointments;** Confirmed the following appointments for the 2024 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee : Laura Lee - Village Theatre, Julie Hartwig - Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, John Parizek - Hilton Garden Inn, William (Billy) Rossman - SpringHill Suites and Councilmember Joe as Chair.
- h) **AB 8760 - Appointment to Cascade Water Alliance Board Position;** Approved Resolution No. 2024-06, designating a representative to serve on the Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors.

REGULAR BUSINESS

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

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Public Records Analyst Tammy Mueller.

The following motion, which was moved at the Dec. 4 Council meeting and referred to the Jan. 8, 2024 City Council Committee of the Whole meeting, was again before the City Council:

Approve the substitute 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:

Adopt a substitute resolution, Exhibit A to agenda bill 8553, incorporating the Committee of the Whole recommendation to remove the \$9 electronic records transmission charge and instead charge an electronic record copying fee of \$0.25 per record with a waiver of the first \$3 of fees.

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.

MAIN MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

b) **AB 8750 - Julius Boehm Pool Feasibility Study**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Parks and Community Services Director Jeff Watling and Recreation Manager Brian Berntsen.

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

Direct Administration to further consider the expansion of the Julius Boehm Pool's capacity in the coming year(s) in balance with the other capital investment priorities and explore possible funding sources and develop a funding strategy that includes regional grants (County and State), and other partners.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

c) **AB 8735 - Financial Policy Ad Hoc Committee**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by City Attorney Rachel Bender Turpin.

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 3045, adopting amendments to the City Financial Management Policy.

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

Amend Section 4.5, Level of Purchasing and Contract Commitment Authority, to change the following sentence to read:

"Maximum contract length, including any contract amendments and extensions, without Council approval is three years, with the exception of software as service and software licensing agreement, which are permitted for up to five years without Council approval and easements, which may be for any duration."

AMENDMENT CARRIED, 7-0.

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

Amend Section 4.5, Level of Purchasing and Contract Commitment Authority, to require Council approval of any agreement for lease of City-owned property, except when such lease is for a term of less than one year and the value of the lease agreement does not exceed the Mayor's contract approval threshold as set forth in Section 4.5.

The Council discussed and agreed to an amendment to the amendment to:

- Strike "does not exceed" and
- Insert "is below"

The amendment as amended reads as follows:

Amend Section 4.5, Level of Purchasing and Contract Commitment Authority, to require Council approval of any agreement for lease of City-owned property, except when such lease is for a term of less than one year and the value of the lease agreement is below the Mayor's contract approval threshold as set forth in Section 4.5.

AMENDMENT AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.

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

Amend the signing threshold table in Section 4.5, Level of Purchasing and Contract Commitment Authority to require City Council approval of non-public works contracts that exceed \$200,000 per year.

AMENDMENT FAILED, 2-5 (In support: Hunt, Marts).

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 7-0.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report and announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hunt:

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report.
 WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Marts:

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

Deputy Council President de Michele:

Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report.
 Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.
 Regional Transit Committee - January meeting was canceled.

Council President Walsh:

PSRC Growth Management Policy Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
 King County Affordable Housing Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT – None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor pro tem Walsh:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

Councilmember Marts:

Public Comment - Asked Council Leadership to consider whether it is appropriate to stop commenters who are requesting policy involvement from the Council based on the new public comment rules and asked for consideration regarding potentially eliminating remote public comment.

Councilmember Joe:

Thank You - Thanked Eastside Fire & Rescue for their assistance and on-going service.

a) **ID 1572 - 2024 City Council Appointments**

Mayor pro tem Walsh announced her 2024 appointments, which were included in the agenda packet, and announced that one of the appointments requires an exception to the City Council rules.

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

Approve an exception to the City Council Rules of Procedure Section 2.04, Appointments, Standing Committees, to allow a member of Council leadership to be appointed to two standing committees in 2024.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

Councilmember Hunt:

Public Comment - Encouraged the Council consider accessibility and equity when reviewing the public comment policies.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:04 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining per 42.30.140(4) and pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The items were expected to take approximately 20 minutes.

a) **ID 1619 - Executive Session - Collective Bargaining per 42.30.140(4)**

b) **ID 1644 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:24 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Mayor pro tem

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk