

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
March 4, 2024

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 135 E.  
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Councilmembers:*

Barbara de Michele  
Zach Hall  
Victoria Hunt (*Attended Virtually*)  
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.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

a) **ID 1674 - Recognition of Freddie Rabadan (Target Loss Prevention)**

This item was delayed as Mr. Rabadan was unable to attend the meeting.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Paul Quinn, Sammamish resident, urged the City to do more to increase the rate of recycling and composting.
- Siena Gould, Zoe Daring, Matthew Fischer and Andrew Kim, Issaquah Sustainability Ambassadors, requested the City Council write a letter of recommendation to the Issaquah School District to show support for sustainability initiatives throughout the City and surrounding areas.
- Victor Bello, resident, spoke regarding the need for affordable housing and urged the City Council to think about whether the area median income for the affordable housing in AB 8733, Tibbetts Crossing (Silverado) Development Agreement Affordable Housing Amendment, was sufficient.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

The City Clerk announced a correction to agenda item "b", Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Oct. 23, 2023, to remove Councilmember Hall from the list of attendees. The minutes on the Consent Calendar for approval will include the correction.

**IT WAS MOVED BY WALSH, SECONDED BY DE MICHELE; MOTION CARRIED (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

- a) **ID 1633 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of March 4, 2024, \$8,877,914.44;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Oct. 23, 2023;** Approved as corrected.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Oct. 23, 2023;** Approved.
- d) **AB 8687 - Vacation of a Portion of 2nd Avenue SE;** Adopted Ordinance No. 3047, vacating a portion of street right-of-way adjacent to property located along the western side of 2nd Avenue SE between SE Darst Street and SE Donnelly Lane, waiving the filing fee, waiving the appraisal fee, waiving the compensation to be paid for such vacation; directing that a copy of this ordinance be recorded with the King County Office of Records and Elections; and establishing an effective date.
- e) **AB 8611 - Department of Ecology Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant;** Authorized the Mayor to accept the Department of Ecology Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance (LSWFA) Program grant funds in the amount of \$51,276 and execute the grant agreement.
- f) **AB 8718 - Easement with Puget Sound Energy for Power Connection to SPAR Booster Pump Station;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the easement with PSE within parcels 5279100850 and 2724069126, to provide power to the SPAR Booster Pump Station.
- g) **AB 8719 - Amendments to IMC 9.10 Regarding Firearm Regulation;** Adopted Ordinance No. 3048, amending Chapter 9.10 of the Issaquah Municipal Code regarding firearms and dangerous weapons, to adopt a new Section 9.10.060 regarding adoption of state firearms statutes by reference.
- h) **AB 8733 - Tibbetts Crossing (Silverado) Development Agreement Affordable Housing Amendment;** Approved Resolution No. 2024-09, authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the Silverado Development Agreement.
- i) **AB 8759 - 2023 ARCH Housing Trust Fund;** Approved Resolution No. 2024-10, authorizing the duly-appointed administering agency for ARCH to execute all documents necessary to enter into agreements for the funding of affordable housing projects, as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board, utilizing funds from the City's Housing Trust Fund.
- j) **AB 8766 - 2024 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Funding Recommendations;** Approved the allocation of \$50,000 to fund business and non-profit tourism-related activities as recommended by the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.
- k) **AB 8776 - 2024 Water Main Replacement Project (WT 015);** Awarded the construction contract for the 2024 Annual Water Main Replacement Project (WT 015) in the amount of \$1,625,689.68 (including sales tax) to Sascon, LLC; and authorized the Mayor to enter into

and execute the related agreement; and authorized the transfer of \$86,500 from Project WT 015 to Project TR 030 Street Pavement Management Program in a subsequent 2024 budget amendment.

- l) **AB 8784 - Newport Way NW Landslide Stabilization Local Agency Agreement Supplement #1;** Authorized the Mayor to execute the Local Agency Agreement Supplement and Project Prospectus for Newport Way Landslide Stabilization Project with WSDOT; and authorized inclusion of an additional \$401,835 of expenditures and revenue for this project in a future 2024 budget amendment.
- m) **AB 8794 - Appointment to Cascade Water Alliance Board Position;** Approved Resolution No. 2024-11, designating representatives to serve on the Cascade Water Alliance Board of Directors.
- n) **AB 8795 - Department of Health Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP Market Match) Agreement;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the agreement with the Department of Health to implement the SNAP Market Match program at the Issaquah Farmers Market.
- o) **AB 8809 - 12th Ave NW and SR 900 Project (TR 004) Design/Construction Management Contract Extension;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment #6 with HDR, Inc. for the 12th Avenue NW & SR 900/17th Ave NE Improvement Project (TR 004) with a term ending December 31, 2024.
- p) **AB 8811 - Amendment to South Correctional Entity (SCORE) Interlocal Agreement re: Rates;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Amendment to the South Correctional Entity Interlocal Agreement for Jail Inmate Housing.
- q) **AB 8812 - Local Government Investment Pool Authorization;** Approved Resolution No. 2024-12, authorizing Investment of City of Issaquah Monies in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP).
- r) **AB 8814 - Sycamore and East Fork Drainage Study (ST052) Contract Agreement;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute a drainage study contract for the ST 052 Sycamore and East Fork Drainage Study Project to Osborn Consulting in the amount of \$350,000 in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.
- s) **AB 8818 - King County Human Services Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy Grant Amendment 2 (Senior Center);** Authorized acceptance of additional grant funds through a contract amendment (Amendment 2) in the amount of \$86,620.00 from King County for enhancing programs and services offered through the Issaquah Senior Center in 2024; and authorized inclusion of the revenues and related expenditures in a subsequent 2024 budget amendment, if needed.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **AB 8787 - Multi-Family Housing Tax Exemption Ordinance**

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

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 3049, amending Sections 3.09.030, .050, .060, .110, and .120 of the Issaquah Municipal Code, regarding the City’s Multifamily Housing Property Tax Exemption Program.

**MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

**b) AB 8774 - 2021 Building & Fire Code Adoption and Amendments to IMC Title 16, Buildings and Construction**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Building Official James Gray.

Councilmember Hunt, Chair of the Planning, Development and Environment Committee, provided a summary of the Committee's recommendation on this item.

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 3050, amending Chapter 16.04, of the Issaquah Municipal Code (IMC), Construction Codes, to adopt by reference the 2021 edition of the state building code, including portions of the 2021 international wildland-urban interface code; and making other related amendments to Chapter 16.04 IMC; and

Adopt Ordinance No. 3051, amending Chapter 16.06 of the Issaquah Municipal Code, Fire Code, to adopt by reference the 2021 edition of the state building and fire code and make other related amendments.

**MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Joe:*

- Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Cascade Water Alliance Finance Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Hall:*

- Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Hunt:*

- Planning, Development & Environment - March meeting canceled.
- WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Marts:*

- SCA Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Made report.

*Deputy Council President de Michele:*

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

*Council President Walsh:*

King County Affordable Housing Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.  
Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be an Executive Session this evening to discuss pending or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The items are expected to take approximately 45 minutes. Action is anticipated to follow in open session.
- Sister Cities Fundraiser Morocco Earthquake Relief
- Upcoming Events

**INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**

a) **ID 1616 - Informational Update: Solid Waste - Recology Service Delivery and Contract Implementation**

Introduced by Public Works Director Emily Moon and Environmental and Regulatory Program Manager Evan Brumfield. The presentation was provided by Anthony Brocato, General Manager, and Alissa Campbell, Waste Zero Manager, of Recology.

The City Councilmembers requested additional information, including:

- The number of wildlife resistant garbage carts being used on Squak Mountain.
- The reason for missed pickups and where and what type (garage, recycling, compost) (single family, multi family, commercial) of missed pickups are occurring.
- Whether fees are being assessed against Recology for missed pickups and the effectiveness of those fees.
- How many individuals are experiencing missed pickups and aren't reporting.

The City Councilmembers also provided feedback, including:

- Concerns with the volume of missed pickups that have occurred around the same time that rate increases occurred.
- Concerns with the impact of missed pickups on desired diversion rates.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER***Councilmember de Michele:*

Sustainability Initiatives - Asked that there be consideration of the letter the Issaquah Sustainability Ambassadors requested under public comment.

*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:22 PM, the City Council took a five-minute break and recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and property

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acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The items were expected to take approximately 30 minutes. Action was anticipated to follow in open session.

- a) **ID 1659 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation**
- b) **ID 1688 - Executive Session - Property Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)**

**OPEN SESSION**

The open session was reconvened at 9:52 PM.

- a) Motion Regarding Executive Session Item

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

Authorize payment to Issaquah Hospitality, LLC in the amount of \$12,677.51 as reimbursement for paving costs and \$758,100.00 as just compensation for acquisition by the City of portions of King County Tax Parcel No. 202406-9097 that are necessary to complete the City's 12th Avenue NW/SR 900/17th Avenue NW project, and authorizing the Mayor to execute a settlement agreement and any other documents necessary to effectuate the transfer.

**MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk