

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
March 18, 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

*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 1694 - Transportation Advisory Board 2024 Work Plan**

Transportation Program Coordinator John Larson-Friend, Transportation Advisory Board Chair Cynthia Krass and Vice Chair Julian Mydlil provided a brief overview of the work plan.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

- Carl Shorett, real estate developer, spoke in support of the Central Issaquah Pioneer Program and encouraged affordability options be provided (AB 8743, AB 8791).

The following individuals spoke in support of the Central Issaquah Pioneer Program and asked the ordinance be amended to include the affordability options (AB 8743, AB 8791):

- Jessie Clawson
- Brian Runberg
- John Schwartz, real estate developer

**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 DE MICHELE; MOTION CARRIED (7-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

- a) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Nov. 6, 2024;** Approved.
- b) **ID 1634 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of March 18, 2024, \$5,703,037.60;** Approved.
- c) **AB 8758 - 2024 Proposed Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments;** Approved the 2024 Docket of Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments.
- d) **AB 8761 - Memorandums of Understanding regarding Body Worn Cameras with the Issaquah Police Officers' Association, Teamsters 117 representing Police Sergeants, and Teamsters 117 representing Police Commanders;** Ratified the Memorandums of Understanding between the City and the Issaquah Police Officers' Association, Teamsters 117 representing Police Sergeants, and Teamsters 117 representing Police Commanders regarding Body Worn Cameras and authorize the Mayor to execute the Memorandums of Understanding; and directed the Human Resources Director to amend the master salary ordinance to incorporate the revised wages in a subsequent amendment.
- e) **AB 8767 - AT&T Small Cell Franchise Agreement;** Introduced.
- f) **AB 8788 - 2nd and Bush Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Project (TR039), Phase 2;** Awarded the construction contract for the 2nd and Bush Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Project in the amount of \$194,994.53 (including sales tax) to Axum General Construction; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.
- g) **AB 8798 - Highwood & Westside Reservoir Improvements (WT018);** Awarded the construction contract for the Highwood Reservoir and Westside Reservoir Retrofit project in the amount of \$2,845,068.72(including sales tax) to T Bailey, Inc.; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement; authorize inclusion of \$300,000 from the Water Fund fund balance in a subsequent 2024 budget amendment, if needed.
- h) **AB 8801 - 2nd and Bush Intersection Improvements (Olde Town Traffic Calming) Project (TR 039), Phase 1;** Accepted completion of the 2nd and Bush Intersection Improvements Project (Olde Town Traffic Calming) TR 039, and begin the process to release the retainage to the contractor.
- i) **AB 8802 - Puget Sound Energy Up & Go Service Agreement for EV Charger Incentives, Installation, and Maintenance at Public Works;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Puget Sound Energy Schedule 555 Electric Vehicle Fleet Charging Products and Services Agreement for the installation of eight Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Ports at Public Works.
- j) **AB 8805 - 2023 Water Main Replacement Project (WT 015);** Accepted completion of the 2023 Annual Water Main Replacement Project (WT015) and begin the process to release the retainage to the contractor.
- k) **AB 8816 - Dept. of Commerce Climate Planning Grant;** Authorized acceptance of the climate planning grant funds in the amount of \$280,000 and execution of the grant agreement with Department of Commerce for the climate planning initiatives; and authorizing inclusion of the grant revenues and related expenditures in a subsequent 2024 budget amendment, if needed.

- l) **AB 8823 - AT&T Affidavit of Agent Authority for Backup Generator for Cell Tower at Timberlake Park;** Authorized the Mayor to sign an Affidavit of Agent Authority to allow Smartlink and AT&T to file a land use permit application for minor modifications to the existing cell tower site and install a backup diesel generator on an existing concrete pad at the existing cell tower site at Parcel 1824069021, Timberlake Park.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **AB 8743 - Establishing the Central Issaquah Pioneer Program in IMC 18.514**  
 Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Economic Development Manager Jen Davis Hayes.

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

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

Adopt Ordinance No. 3052, amending Chapter 18.514 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to establish the Central Issaquah Pioneer Program.

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

Amend Table 18.514.042.C *Pioneer Program – Central Issaquah Affordable Housing Minimum Thresholds* of the ordinance to add an option for 10% of units of affordable housing required at 80% AMI and to allow the developer to select between the two options of affordable housing requirements.

**AMENDMENT CARRIED, 4-3** (*Opposed: Hunt, Marts, Walsh*).

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED, 5-2** (*Opposed: Marts, Reh*).

- b) **AB 8791 - Central Issaquah Pioneer Program, Multi-Family Tax Exemption (Set Hearing Date)**

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

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

Approve Resolution No. 2024-13, notifying the public of its intent to designate the Central Issaquah Pioneer Program Area as a Residential Targeted Area for the purposes of the City's Multifamily Property Tax Exemption Program; and setting the required public hearing.

**MOTION CARRIED, 6-1** (*Opposed: Marts*).

- c) **AB 8786 - Light Rail Planning Guide**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Lacy Bell with Nelson Nygaard Associates.

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

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

Approve the Light Rail Planning Guide as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.**

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS***Councilmember Joe:*

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Cascade Water Alliance Board Public Policy Meeting - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Hall:*

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Hunt:*

WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Reh:*

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.

*Councilmember Marts:*

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.

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 - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Council President Walsh:*

Growth Management Policy Board - Made report.

Affordable Housing Committee - Made report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT - None.****GOOD OF THE ORDER***Deputy Council President de Michele:*

Upcoming Events - Announced upcoming Kiwanis event this weekend.

*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

Upcoming Events - Announced Sustainability Fair on March 30.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.****ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk