

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
April 1, 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
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pauly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Congratulations to City Clerk

Mayor Pauly congratulated City Clerk Tisha Gieser on her receipt of an award of distinction from the Washington Municipal Clerks Association.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pauly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) ID 1692 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Deputy Council President de Michele presented the proclamation to Karen Sharp, Chief External Relations Officer with the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center.

b) ID 1590 - Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation

Council President Walsh presented the proclamation to Police Communications Manager Tricia Bellizzi, Police Chief Paula Schwan and Police Communications Specialists Shafeq Zarif, Carina Keen, and Ryan Rouillard.

c) ID 1592 - Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Urban Forest Supervisor Dan Hintz.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Corby Casler, Executive Director of the Downtown Issaquah Association, shared an update on DIA's activities over the past year.
- Alex Tsimerman, spoke regarding concern regarding the high prices in Bellevue and other King County cities.
- Karen Porterfield, Talus resident, thanked the City for their snow removal efforts this past winter.
- Dave Kappler, resident, made comments regarding the City's Sustainability Fair, the leasing of City property, and urged having a community conversation regarding a future City Hall facility.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Regarding ID 1679 - Informational Update: City Facilities Leasing Update, the Mayor shared that there would be a discussion with Council Leadership regarding an approach to leasing City facilities.

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

- a) **ID 1635 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of April 1, 2024, \$5,609,995.27;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Sept. 30, 2023;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, Oct. 9, 2023;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Nov. 20, 2023;** Approved.
- e) **ID 1679 - Informational Update: City Facilities Leasing Update;** Received Report.
- f) **AB 8767 - AT&T Small Cell Franchise Agreement;** Adopted Ordinance No. 3053, granting to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, a nonexclusive franchise to install, operate, and maintain a small wireless facilities network in, on, over, upon, along, and across certain designated public rights-of-way of the City of Issaquah, Washington, prescribing certain rights, duties, terms, and conditions with respect thereto, and establishing an effective date.
- g) **AB 8783 - Newport Way Raised Intersection & Pedestrian Bridge Project (TR 055);** Accepted completion of the Newport Pedestrian Bridge and Raised Intersection Project (TR 055) and release of the retainage bond to the contractor.
- h) **AB 8803 - Strategic Small Capital Projects (TR 058), Change Order 8;** Authorized Change Order 8 in the amount of \$68,028.75 (including sales tax) to Laser Underground & Earthworks, Inc. for the Strategic Small Capital Projects (Project TR 058) and authorize the inclusion of \$34,014 from the Stormwater Fund Balance for TR058 in a subsequent 2024 budget amendment, if needed.

- i) **AB 8825 - ArtsWA Creative District Capital Grant;** Authorized acceptance of grant funds from ArtsWA in the amount of \$112,500 and authorize execution of the ArtsWA grant agreement.

REGULAR BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Cascade Water Alliance - Announced upcoming meetings.

Councilmember Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hunt:

WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Made report.

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Reh:

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Marts:

SCA Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Services, Safety & Parks Committee - The April meeting is canceled. The May meeting was canceled.

Council President Walsh:

PRSC Growth Management Policy Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- There will be an executive session this evening to discuss Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4).
- ArtsWA Creative District Capital Grant
- Sustainability Fair
- Young Artists and Authors National Competition
- Farm Fresh Market

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember de Michele:

Artist Selection - Shared support for the artist selected to receive funds as part of the WA Creative District Grant.

Council President Walsh:

May 4 Retreat - This meeting has been canceled.

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:56 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4). The item was expected to take approximately 10 minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:06 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk