

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
April 15, 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 1593 - Administrative Professionals Day Proclamation

Mayor Pauly issued the proclamation to Human Resources Director Stephanie Johnson.

b) ID 1680 - End of 2024 Legislative Session Report

The City's lobbyist, Shelly Helder, provided a summary of the outcomes of the 2024 legislative session.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comments were provided:

- Alex Tsimerman, Bellevue resident, spoke regarding concerns about regional political trends in the eastside and the City of Bellevue.

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) **ID 1636 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of April 15, 2024, \$2,488,662.94;** Approved.
- b) **ID 1691 - Informational Update: Board and Commission 2024 Workplans;** Received Report.
- c) **ID 1718 - Informational Update: Capital Projects;** Received Report.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, Oct. 30, 2024;** Approved.
- e) **AB 8781 - Newport Way NW Landslide Stabilization Contract Supplement #6;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute supplement #6 with KPG Psomas for the Newport Way Landslide Stabilization Project (TR 060) to extend the contract term through December 31, 2024.
- f) **AB 8813 - Annual Board & Commission Appointments;** Confirmed board and commission appointments as presented in AB 8813, Exhibit A.
- g) **AB 8824 - Interlocal Agreement with King County Re: For-Hire Transportation;** Authorized the Mayor to enter and execute the updated Interlocal Agreement with King County for For-Hire Transportation Regulatory Services; and Adopted Ordinance No. 3054, amending Section 5.44.010 of the Issaquah Municipal Code regarding taxis businesses and drivers to add the incorporation by reference of Chapter 6.65 King County Code.
- h) **AB 8828 - 2024 Concrete Maintenance (TR 054) Project;** Awarded the construction contract for the 2024 Concrete Maintenance Project (TR 054-1) in the amount of \$1,353,877.94 (including sales tax) to RRJ Company, LLC.; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.
- i) **AB 8830 - Police Managers Collective Bargaining Agreement;** Approved the terms of the 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and Teamsters 117, representing Police Non-Uniformed Managers and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Agreement; and directed the Human Resources Director to amend the master salary ordinance to incorporate the revised wages in a subsequent amendment.
- j) **AB 8833 - Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the Washington State Dept. of Enterprise Services;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Washington State Department of Enterprise Services.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **AB 8667 - City Hall NW Surplus Property**
Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Administrative Services Director Autumn Monahan.

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 7:53 p.m.

The following public comment was provided:

- Elizabeth Maupin, resident, urged the City Council to consider repurposing the City Hall NW property for a Together Center.

The public hearing was closed at 7:56 p.m.

The City Council requested this item return under Regular Business at the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting.

b) **AB 8791 - Central Issaquah Pioneer Program, Multi-Family Tax Exemption**

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

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at approximately 8:06 p.m.

The following public comment was provided:

- Brian Runberg, developer, spoke in support of the MFTE program in Central Issaquah.
- Jessie Clawson, spoke in support of the MFTE program in Central Issaquah.
- Elizabeth Maupin, resident, asked about what happens to residents after the tax exemption ends and encouraged the City Council to consider accessibility needs for those with a handicap and to require guest parking.

The public hearing was closed at approximately 8:18 p.m.

The City Council requested this item return under Regular Business at the May 6, 2024 City Council meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS - None.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Meeting canceled. Announced anniversary event occurring in June.

Councilmember Hall:

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

Councilmember Hunt:

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Reh:

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.

Councilmember Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.
Services, Safety & Parks Committee - April meeting canceled.

Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report. Announced upcoming event.

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

Council President Walsh:

Puget Sound Regional Council Policy Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
King County Affordable Housing Committee - 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 30 minutes. No action is anticipated to follow in open session.
- Arbor Day
- WSDOT Listening Session
- 2024 Boards & Commissions Recruitment
- Seeking Hall of Fame Nominations
- Upcoming Events

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council President Walsh:

Boards and Commissions - Highlighted the board/commission work plans included in the Consent Calendar and the board/commission appointments. Mentioned

Councilmember Joe:

Snoqualmie Tribe - Thanked the City for their work with the Snoqualmie Tribe.

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:41 PM, Council took a five-minute break. At 8:49 PM, the City Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The items were expected to take approximately 30 minutes. No action is anticipated to follow in open session.

- a) **ID 1721 - Executive Session - Property Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)**
- b) **ID 1722 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:20 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk