

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
August 5, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Chris Reh, Council President Lindsey Walsh

Excused Absence: Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Zach Hall

Staff Present: 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.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Jan Eary, President, Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra, urged being able to use Issaquah public schools for public music performances.
- Rachel Wright, Founder of Issaquah Arts, urged finding a public space for the performing arts in Issaquah.

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 (5-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 1734 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Aug. 5, 2024, \$4,758,350.77;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, April 25, 2024;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, May 6, 2024;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, May 13, 2024;** Approved.
- e) **AB 8657 - Secured Fencing for Public Safety Project;** Approved Resolution No. 2024-19, rejecting all bids submitted for the Secured Fencing for Patrol Vehicles Project, FC025.

- f) **AB 8849 - Project Acceptance, 2nd and Bush Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Project (TR039), Phase 2;** Accepted completion of the 2nd and Bush Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) Project (TR039), Phase 2 and release of the retainage to the contractor.

- g) **AB 8880 - Washington Administrative Office of the Courts Therapeutic Courts Interagency Funding Agreement;** Authorized the Mayor to execute Interagency Agreement IAA25075 with the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts, accepting \$242,000 in funding to fully fund and operate a therapeutic court model.

- h) **AB 8892 - AtWork Sublease Consent Agreement with Inclusive Technology of Washington;** Authorized the Mayor to sign a Sublease Consent Agreement with AtWork! to allow a sublease of property at 690 NW Juniper Street with Inclusive Technology of Washington.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **AB 8867 - Issaquah School District’s 2024 Bond, Nov. 5, 2024 Ballot Item**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Issaquah School District Board President Harlan Gallinger.

Mayor Pauly opened the public hearing at 7:28 PM.

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Dave Osmer, urged the City Council to not support the Issaquah School District Proposition No. 1.
- Michele Williams, resident, spoke regarding concerns with past use of bond funds and the need for another comprehensive high school.
- Klina Dupuy, resident, urged support of a STEM school in lieu of another fourth comprehensive high school as proposed in the ballot measure.
- Caroline Thienes urged the City Council be neutral on the ballot measure.
- Mary Deritus, resident, expressed concern that the building impacts under Proposition No. 1 will not meet desired environmental standards and urged the City Council to stay neutral on the ballot measure.
- Steve Pereira, resident, urged the City Council to be neutral on the ballot measure.

The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:45 PM.

It was moved by Council President Lindsey Walsh; and seconded by Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, to:

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2024-20, supporting the Issaquah School District's Proposition No. 1, General Obligation Bonds, in the amount of \$642,345,000, scheduled to come before voters at the Nov. 5, 2024 General Election.

RESULT:	Carried 4-1
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, and Council President Lindsey Walsh
OPPOSED:	Councilmember Chris Reh
ABSENT:	Councilmember Zach Hall and Councilmember Tola Marts

REGULAR BUSINESS – None.**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 Hunt:

WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Announced upcoming meeting.

Deputy Council President de Michele:

North Urban Human Services Alliance on behalf of Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report.

Eastside Human Services Forum - August meeting canceled.

Eastside Transportation Partnership - August meeting canceled.

Regional Transit Committee - August meeting canceled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be no executive session this evening.
- 2025-2026 Budget Development
- National Night Out
- Issaquah Olympian
- Upcoming Events

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

a) **ID 1743 - Informational Update: Central Issaquah Multimodal I-90 Crossing Project (TR003)**

Senior Engineer Greg Lucas provided an update on the Central Issaquah Multimodal I-90 Crossing Project (TR003).

City Council feedback included:

- Would like Transportation Advisory Board input on conceptual designs
- Appreciate investment in the planning process for project
- Appreciate project goals and evaluation criteria
- Recommend a few changes to project goals and evaluation criteria:
 - Encourage adding a desired outcome instead of just the performance measure.
 - Suggest making evaluation criteria of minimizing impact on existing businesses and buildings an issue with its own section. Suggest expanding performance measures for that item.
- Important to help the public understand the scale of this project

GOOD OF THE ORDER*Council President Walsh:*

City Council Retreat - Thanked the City Council for their engagement at the retreat on July 27.

National Night Out - Announced the event will be held tomorrow night.

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Councilmember Joe:

Middle Housing Community Meeting - Announced the meeting will be held tomorrow night at Tibbetts Manor.

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk