

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
September 3, 2024

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Council President Lindsey Walsh

Excused Absence: Councilmember Chris Reh

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.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) ID 1746 - Recognition of Hall of Fame Recipient Todd Sargeant

Mayor Pauly recognized the 2023 Hall of Fame recipient Todd Sargeant.

b) ID 1702 - Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation

Councilmember de Michele presented the proclamation to The Circle Executive Director Alicia Spinner and Event Coordinator Irma Evelia.

c) ID 1752 - Eastside Welcoming Week Proclamation

Council President Lindsey Walsh presented the proclamation to Nahid Stevens with Wide World for Refugees.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comments were provided:

Sandilya Parimi, Issaquah High School Student, requested the donation of materials for raised planter beds at the Issaquah Shell station as part of an Eagle Scout project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:26 PM, the City Council moved into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4). The item was expected to take approximately 15 minutes.

a) ID 1755 - Executive Session: Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)

The open meeting reconvened at 7:41 PM.

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 (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

- a) **ID 1735 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Sept. 3, 2024, \$8,827,753.78;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, June 3, 2024;** Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, June 10, 2024;** Approved.
- d) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, June 24, 2024;** Approved.
- e) **AB 8893 - 2023 Concrete Maintenance Program - High Edge Sidewalk Mitigation (TR 054-2) Project;** Accepted completion of the 2023 High Edge Sidewalk Mitigation Project (TR 054-2) and release of the retainage to the contractor.
- f) **AB 8900 - 2024 Maintenance Overlay Vehicle Traffic Signal Detection Installation (TR 030-1) Project;** Accepted completion of the 2024 Vehicle Traffic Signal Detection Installation Project (TR 030-1) and release of the retainage to the contractor.
- g) **AB 8907 - Memorandum of Understanding with the Issaquah Police Officers' Association re: Field Training Officers;** Ratified the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Issaquah Police Officers' Association regarding the Specialty Incentive Bonus for Field Training Officers, and authorized the Mayor to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.
- h) **AB 8908 - Interagency Agreement with the City of Buckley for Jail Services;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interagency Agreement with the City of Buckley for Jail Inmate Housing.

REGULAR BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

- Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Cascade Public Affairs Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hall:

- Eastside Fire & Rescue Finance & Administrative Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
- Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.

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Councilmember Hunt:

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

Councilmember Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Deputy Council President de Michele:

Eastside Human Services Forum - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Regional Transit Committee - September and October meetings canceled.

Council President Walsh:

PSRC Growth Management Policy Board - 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 Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4). This will occur before the consent calendar and is expected to take approximately 15 minutes.
- Issaquah Culture Fest
- Upcoming Events

GOOD OF THE ORDER*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

 Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

 Tisha Gieser, City Clerk



Informational Update

ID # 1754 – Informational Update: Lead Water Service Line Inventory Overview

Meeting Date	October 7, 2024
Department	PW - Public Works
Staff Lead	Gaby Wolff, Water Operations Manager

Purpose

Provide City Council with an Informational Update regarding EPA-mandated survey to determine the possibility of lead service lines in Issaquah's water service area. A previous update was provided to the City Council in the Jan. 16, 2024, City Council meeting materials ([ID 1548](#)).

Background

On January 15, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) that went into effect on December 16, 2021. The EPA also announced it was beginning new rule making under a program called Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI).

While EPA works on the LCRI, water systems must develop and submit a Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) by October 16, 2024 to the Department of Health and the EPA. The inventory of water service lines must evaluate the line on both the City side *and* the customer side of the meter.

Update

Like most water systems, when this process commenced, the City of Issaquah did not have such an inventory and needed to design a process for constructing the inventory. Like others, the City has reviewed historical building codes, construction regulations and city growth patterns to identify where it is possible or unlikely that lead pipes exist. Staff know that at different times in different parts of Issaquah, use of lead was discontinued by King County and the City. Lead was discontinued in all areas of the city by August 1962.

In researching the City's 9,374 water services, staff largely eliminated the possibility of lead existing in all but approximately 6% of the service lines. The "unknowns" were in pockets of Issaquah's oldest neighborhoods. Of these unknown service lines, there were 333 service line segments on the City side of the meter and 518 service line segments on the customer side of the meter that required additional investigation because the pipe materials were unknown.

The Washington State Department of Health mandated process requires 20% of services with unknown material type, to be physically verified through excavation. The City conducted on site investigations on approximately

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50% of the unknown service lines, well in excess of the requirement. No lead was discovered in any of these locations. The findings of the on-site investigations were shared with affected residents via letter and details were published on the City website.

Sammamish Plateau Water completed an inventory under the same process for their system and confirmed that their service lines are lead free. This confirms that the water supply for the whole of the City of Issaquah is now deemed to be lead free.

Next Steps

The results of the mandated inventory will be submitted to the Department of Health as required prior to the October 16 deadline.

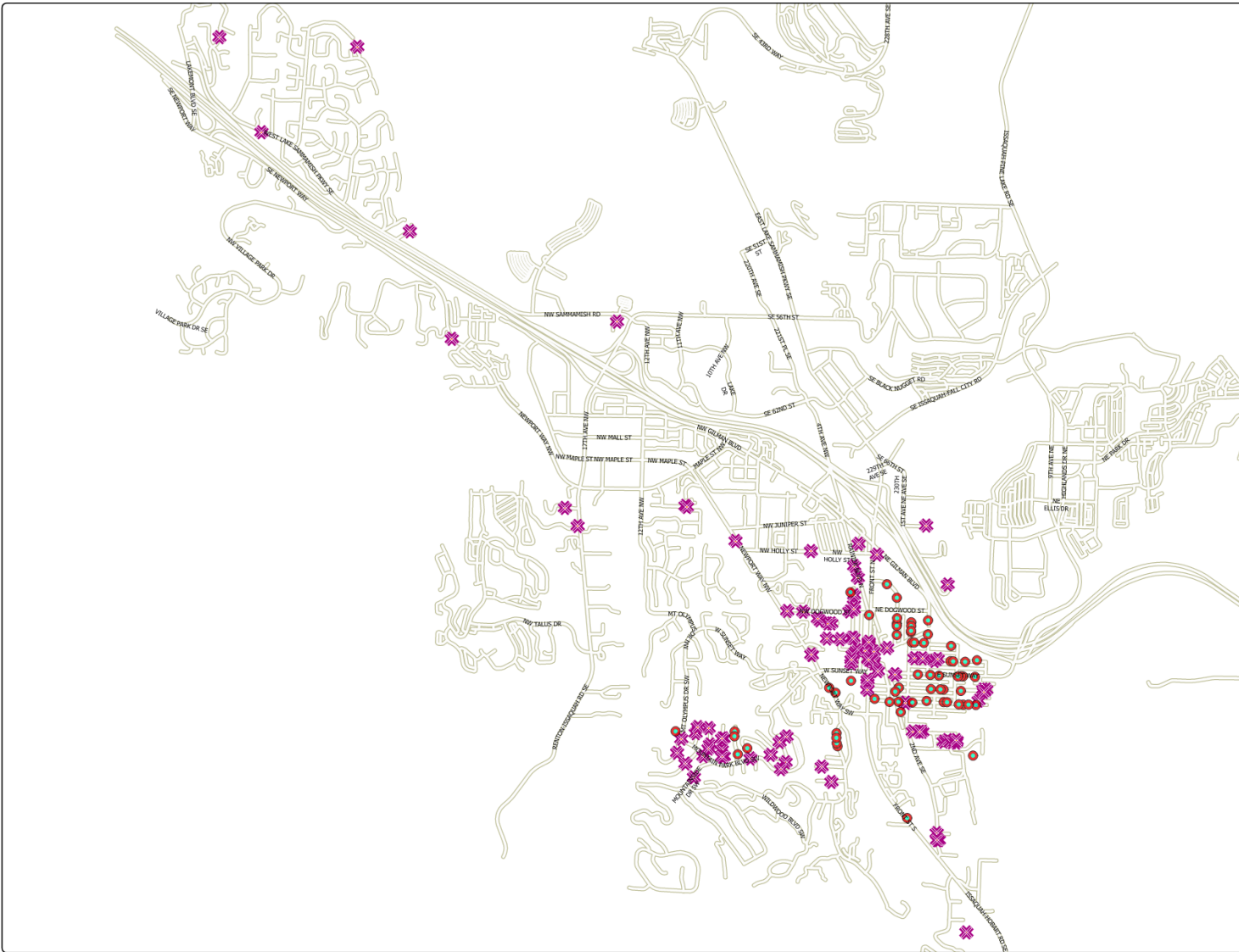
Undetermined City and Customer Side Service Lines

- Random Selection City-Customer for Field Investigation
- Random Selection Customer Side for Verification

Field Investigation Location Overview Map

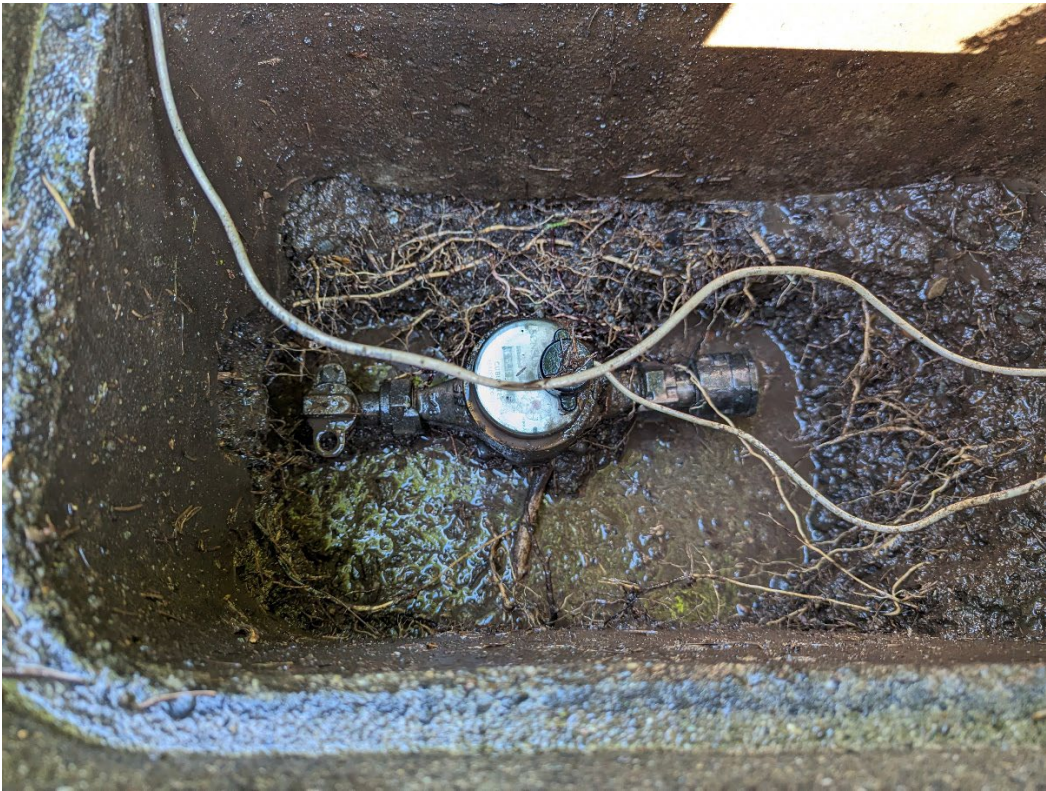


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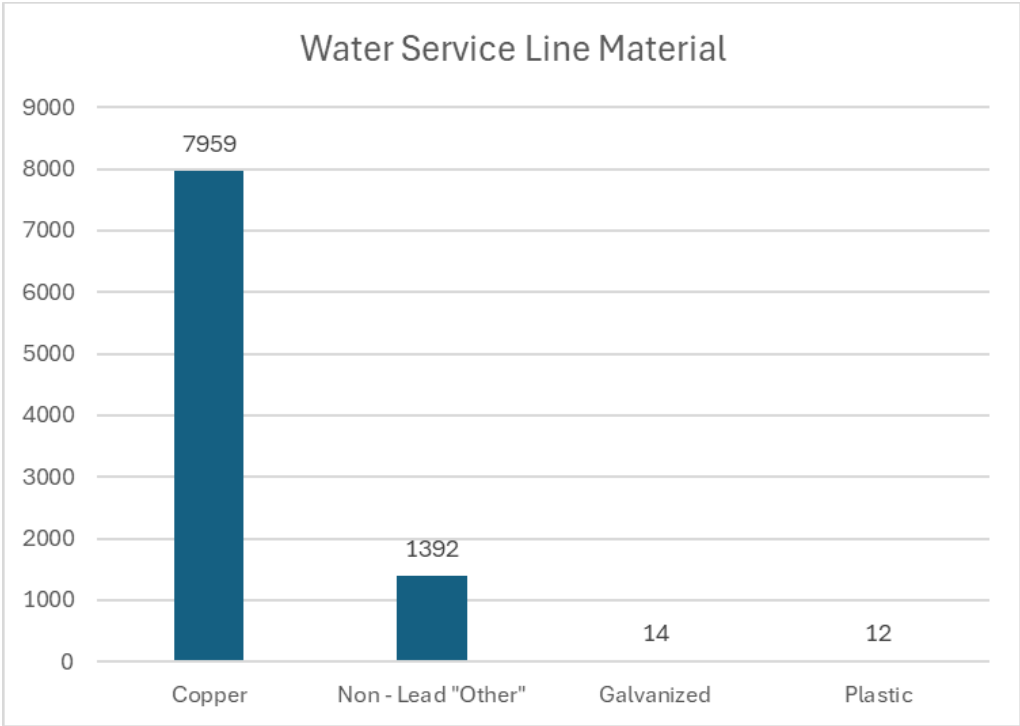




“Potholing” was undertaken within the water service box to determine the pipe material



The potholing revealed the water meter and the incoming and outgoing pipes. The pipe materials were confirmed as well as the absence of lead



“Non-Lead Other” category includes service lines ruled out based on build date and are either copper, polyethylene, PVC or iron