

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
October 7, 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 Zach Hall, Councilmember Tola Marts

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 1766 - Sister Cities Cultural Exchange Award Presentation

Mayor Pauly and Council President Walsh presented a Certificate of Appreciation and award to visiting Moroccan artisan Mr. Ouali Alami. Mr. Ouali Alami then presented the City with a framed gift and a pair of scissors passed down in his family and used in the crafting of leather slippers.

b) ID 1706 - Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation

Council President Walsh presented the proclamation to Community Planning & Development Director Minnie Dhaliwal.

c) ID 1707 - Arts & Humanities Month Proclamation

Councilmember Hunt presented the proclamation to Arts Program Administrator Amy Dukes and Arts Commissioners Rachel Wright, Tina Hays, and Chris Craven.

d) ID 1708 - Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

Councilmember Reh presented the proclamation to Fire Chief Ben Lane, Fire Marshall Jeromy Hicks and Sparky the Fire Dog.

e) ID 1709 - Hindu American Heritage Month Proclamation

The proclamation was not presented at this time.

f) **ID 1711 - Substance Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Influence the Choice Executive Director Marnie Maraldo and student youth board members Elise Werkau, Kiana Graves, and Anvesha Jain.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following individuals provided comments:

- Janet Eary, representing the Issaquah Philharmonic Orchestra, thanked the City for support and announced that their upcoming performance will be held in an Issaquah school auditorium.
- Paul Quinn, Sammamish resident, spoke regarding solid waste diversion rates.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Mayor announced one revision to the Consent Calendar on AB 8906, Mid-Year Planning Policy Commission Appointments. One of the two appointees to be confirmed tonight has withdrawn – Michael Wang. The following substitute motion is proposed for this item:

Confirm the Mayor's appointment to the Planning Policy Commission of John Krass promotion to Regular Member; term expiring April 30, 2026, effective November 1, 2024.

There being no objection, the revised motion will be considered under approval of the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by Council President Lindsey Walsh, seconded by Deputy Council President Barb de Michele, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried (5-0).

a) **ID 1737 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Oct. 7, 2024, \$8,748,393.38**

MOTION: Approved.

b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Aug. 5, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

c) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Sept. 3, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Sept. 3, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

e) **ID 1754 - Informational Update: Inventory of Lead Water Services**

MOTION: Received Report.

f) **ID 1760 - Informational Update: Grant and Contract 2nd Quarter Report**

MOTION: Received Report.

g) **AB 8904 - Amendments to Park Bench Donation Program**

MOTION: Adopted Ordinance No. 3074, adopting amendments to the City of Issaquah's program for park bench donations for park system enhancement.

h) **AB 8906 - Mid-Year Planning Policy Commission Appointments**

MOTION: Confirmed the Mayor's appointment to the Planning Policy Commission of John Krass promotion to Regular Member; term expiring April 30, 2026, effective November 1, 2024.

i) **AB 8910 - Sunset Way Landslide Repair Project (ST 061)**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment No. 1 to the Sunset Way Landslide Project design contract with PBS Inc. in the amount of \$208,859.80 and to extend the contract expiration date to December 31, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING

a) **AB 8912 - Initiative No. 2117 Carbon Tax Credit Trading, Nov. 5, 2024 Ballot Item, Consideration of Resolution to Oppose**

BALLOT TITLE
Statement of Subject: Initiative Measure No. 2117 concerns carbon tax credit trading.
Concise Description: This measure would prohibit state agencies from imposing any type of carbon tax credit trading, and repeal legislation establishing a cap and invest program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

Mayor Pauly and City Administrator Wally Bobkiewicz introduced this item.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:43 PM. The following public comment was provided:

The following individuals spoke in support of the resolution opposing Initiative No. 2117:

- Anne Newcomb, resident
- Deepa Sivarajan
- Ann Fletcher, resident
- Dave Kappler, resident
- Victor Bello, resident
- Julie Car, resident

The following individual spoke in opposition to the resolution opposing Initiative No. 2117:

- Landon Halverson, resident

The public hearing was closed at 8:11 PM.

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2024-22, opposing the passage of Washington State Ballot Initiative No. 2117 concerning Carbon Tax Credit Trading.

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

a) **AB 8882 - Credit Card Service Fee Policy**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Deputy Finance Director Jennifer Rein.

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2024-23, declaring adoption of new Credit/Debit Card and eCheck Processing Fee Policy.

RESULT:	Carried 5-0
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Chris Reh, and Council President Lindsey Walsh
OPPOSED:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Zach Hall and Councilmember Tola Marts

b) **AB 8763 - Veterans Memorial Plaza Projects**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Parks & Community Services Director Jeff Watling and Park Planning & Development Manager Robin Spear.

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

MOTION: Award the base bid construction contract, excluding Bid Alternates A-D, for the Veterans Memorial Plazas projects in the amount of \$4,482,329.49 (including sales tax) to Bayshore Construction Company; and authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement; and
Authorize the shift of \$800,000 of ARPA funds from Project PK010, Confluence Park Plaza, to Project PK 041, Veterans Memorial Plaza Projects, for a total PK 041 project budget of \$4,697,329.49.

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

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hunt:

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report.
Kokanee Work Group Ceremonial Frye Release - Announced event.

Councilmember Reh:

Mobility & Infrastructure 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 - Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Walsh:

King County Affordable Housing Committee - Made report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will not be an Executive Session this evening.
- Reflecting on Salmon Days
- King County Executive's Small Business Awards Honors Issaquah Businesses
- Issaquah Police Department Pink Patch Available Now
- Tree Planting Celebration at Lower Issaquah Creek

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council President Walsh:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
Pumpkin Derby - Encouraged participation.
Sound Cities Association – Announced that applications are due Oct. 17.

Councilmember Joe:

Sister Cities Commission - Thanked the Commissioners for all of their efforts to make the Sister Cities work, especially over Salmon Days.

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 9:27 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk