

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
 November 4, 2024

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
 135 E. Sunset Way

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, and Council President Lindsey Walsh

**Excused Absence:** Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Councilmember Zach Hall

**Staff Present:** Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator, Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator, Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney, and Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Walsh, Mayor pro tem, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor pro tem Walsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

a) **ID 1712 - World Town Planning Day Proclamation**

Mayor pro tem Walsh presented the proclamation to Community Planning & Development Director Minnie Dhaliwal.

b) **ID 1713 - Accounting Day Proclamation**

Councilmember Reh presented the proclamation to Deputy Finance Director Jennifer Rein, Senior Payroll Analyst Amanda Guterrez, and Fiscal Specialist Sophie Wong.

c) **ID 1714 - Issaquah Recycles Day Proclamation**

Councilmember Hunt presented the proclamation to Solid Waste Program Analyst Sam Tarvin.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

- Chris Kovac, resident and Chair of the Park Board, made comments related to AB 8808 - 2024 Park System Plan Adoption.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**IT WAS MOVED BY DE MICHELE, SECONDED BY MARTS; MOTION CARRIED (6-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

- a) **ID 1739 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Nov. 4, 2024, \$3,422,742.85**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- b) Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, Sept. 30, 2024

**MOTION:** Approved.

- c) Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Sept. 30, 2024

**MOTION:** Approved.

- d) Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, Oct. 14, 2024

**MOTION:** Approved.

- e) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Oct. 21, 2024

**MOTION:** Approved.

- f) **AB 8352 - Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program**

**MOTION:** Approved Resolution No. 2024-24, adopting an updated Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program and repealing the previous Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program. Approve Resolution

- g) **AB 8914 - East Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE Pavement Preservation Project**

**MOTION:** Authorized inclusion of an additional \$92,878.24 of funding from Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway SE Pavement Preservation Project (TR 064) in a future budget amendment for a total project budget of \$2,016,143.24.

- h) **AB 8929 - PSE Community Solar Lease Agreement Amendment**

**MOTION:** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Puget Sound Energy Community Solar Lease Agreement Amendment to update the system size from 193 KW to 179.5 KW solar array on the Community Center roof.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- a) **AB 8926 - 179 1st Ave SE Surplus**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Administrative Services Manager Jeanne Justice.

Mayor pro tem Walsh opened the public hearing at 7:26 PM.

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Stephanie Norton-Bredl, Executive Director of the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, spoke in support of the surplus of the property.
- Mike Bresko, Chair of the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank Board, spoke in support of the surplus of the property.

There being no objection, the public hearing was closed at 7:32 PM.

Council President Walsh stated that, there being no objection, this item will return to the City Council for action at the Dec. 2, 2024 Council meeting on the Consent Calendar.

**b) AB 8885 - 2025-26 Budget: First Public Hearing**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Budget Manager Susie Monsell.

Mayor pro tem Walsh opened the public hearing at 7:37 PM.

The following individual provided public comments:

- Heather Clark, Mobility Coordinator with Hopelink, urged the City Council to restore funding for MetroFlex in the proposed 2025-26 budget.
- Corby Casler, Executive Director of the Downtown Issaquah Association, asked for clarity on non-profit funding in the proposed 2025-26 budget.
- Victor Bello, resident, expressed concern over the proposed reduction of arts funding in the proposed 2025-26 budget.

There being no objection, the public hearing was closed at 7:47 PM. The City Council will next deliberate the budget at the Nov. 12 City Council Committee of the Whole meeting.

**c) AB 8886 - 2025 Property Tax Levy**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Budget Manager Susie Monsell.

Mayor pro tem Walsh opened the public hearing at 7:51 PM.

The following individual provided public comments:

- Jim Reid, property owner, spoke regarding concerns with the sale of his private property.
- Dave Osmer, resident, recommended continuing the public hearing.

There being no objection, the public hearing was closed at 8:00 PM.

This item will return under Regular Business at the Nov. 25, 2024 City Council meeting.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a) AB 8927 - 2025-26 Legislative Agenda**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and City lobbyist Shelly Helder.

**It was moved by Deputy Council President de Michele; seconded by Councilmember Marts, to:**

**MOTION:** Approve the 2025-26 Legislative Agenda as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 6-0</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hunt, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmember Hall

**b) AB 8808 - 2024 Park System Plan Adoption**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and Park Planning & Development Manager Robin Spear.

**It was moved by Councilmember Marts; seconded by Deputy Council President de Michele, to:**

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution No. 2024-25, adopting the 2024 Park System Plan.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 6-0</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hunt, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmember Hall

**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:*

- Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Kokanee Interlocal Management Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Reh:*

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - The November meeting is canceled.

*Councilmember Marts:*

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

*Deputy Council President de Michele:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Mayor pro tem Walsh:*

- Growth Management Planning Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
- King County Affordable Housing Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Issaquah School District Board and City Council Leadership Meeting - Made report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor pro tem Walsh reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There is an executive session this evening to discuss Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4). The item is expected to take approximately 15 minutes. Action is not anticipated to follow in open session.
- Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th
- Upcoming Events

**INFORMATIONAL UPDATES - None.****GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Deputy Council President de Michele:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership Legislative Priorities - Asked for feedback.

*Councilmember Joe:*

The Garage Teen Cafe - Announced upcoming event on becoming civically engaged on Nov. 13.

*Councilmember Hunt:*

Dia de las Muertos Event - Expressed thanks to those who put on the event.

*Mayor pro tem Walsh:*

- Pumpkin Derby - Summarized event.
- City Council Budget Questions - Reminded Councilmembers that questions are due tomorrow in order to get responses on Nov. 12.
- Missing Middle Housing Tour - Encouraged Councilmembers to complete the poll.
- Legislative Breakfast - Settled on Nov. 25 for the Legislative Breakfast, depending on election results, with Dec. 5 as a secondary option.
- Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:50 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 15 minutes. The session was extended by 10 minutes.

- a) **ID 1769 - Executive Session - Collective Bargaining per 42.30.140(4)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:14 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.

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Lindsey Walsh, Mayor pro tem

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk