

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
November 25, 2024

Council Chambers  
135 E. Sunset Way

**MINUTES**

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe (*Attended Virtually due to Illness*), Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, and Council President Lindsey Walsh

**Excused Absence:**

**Staff Present:** Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator; Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator; Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney; and 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 1715 - Small Business Saturday Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Monica Harmon with the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, Chris Reichley with the Economic Vitality Commission, Lindsey Pinkston with the Issaquah Highlands Council and Economic Development Manager Jen Davis Hayes.

**b) High Wind Event**

Emergency Manager Jared Schneider provided an overview of the City's response to the high wind event that occurred on Nov. 19 and 20.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS – None.**

**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 1740 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Nov. 25, 2024, \$11,179,360.16**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- b) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Nov. 4, 2024

**MOTION:** Approved.

- c) Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, Nov. 12, 2024

**MOTION:** Approved.

- d) **AB 8889 - Newport Way Maple to Sunset Improvements Project (TR 023) Design Agreement Supplement**

**MOTION:** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute design agreement supplement #3 for the Newport Way Maple to Sunset Improvements (TR023) project, with Perteet, Inc. in the amount of \$452,007.00 in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

- e) **AB 8898 - Amending Community Planning and Development Fees**

**MOTION:** 1) Adopted Ordinance No. 3075, amending Sections 3.64.010, 3.64.020, 3.64.030 and Chapter 3.66 of the Issaquah Municipal Code and Subsection 109 of the Construction Administrative Code as codified in section 16.04.010 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to update the City's Development Fees, including land use and site work permit fees, and fees for building permits, inspections, plan review and other related services, and technology fees associated therewith; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date; and 2) Adopted Ordinance No. 3076, amending Sections 16.06.245 and 16.06.250 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to update the City's International Fire Code operational permit fees; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

- f) **AB 8917 - Dept. of Commerce Grant for Gibson Hall Improvements**

**MOTION:** Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$199,820 for Gibson Hall improvements and execution of the grant agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

- g) **AB 8923 - King County Senior Center Grant**

**MOTION:** Authorized the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$229,500 for the Issaquah Senior Center operations from 2024-2026 and execution of the grant agreement with the King County Dept. of Community and Human Services in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

- h) **AB 8935 - Human Services Pooled Funds Interlocal Agreement**

**MOTION:** Authorized entering into the Human Services Pooled Funds Interlocal Agreement with City of Kirkland, as the lead agency, and the cities of Bellevue, Kenmore, Mercer Island, Redmond, Sammamish and Shoreline.

- i) **AB 8937 - Interlocal Agreements for Jail Services: Black Diamond, Buckley, Newcastle**

**MOTION:** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interlocal Agreements with the cities of Black Diamond, Buckley, and Newcastle for the housing of inmates in the Issaquah Jail.

j) **AB 8938 - 2024 Unclaimed Property Report, Cancellation of Unredeemed City Checks**

**MOTION:** Approved Resolution No. 2024-26, ordering the cancellation of checks reported as stale to the Washington State Department of Revenue.

k) **AB 8943 - Jail Services Contract with Sunnyside**

**MOTION:** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sunnyside for Jail Inmate Housing

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

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

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Budget Manager Susie Monsell.

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

**MOTION:** Adopt Ordinance No. 3077, levying property taxes for the City of Issaquah for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, on all property, both real and personal, in said city which is subject to taxation for the purpose of paying sufficient revenue to carry on the services of said city for the ensuing year as required by law.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 7-0</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Hunt, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None

b) **AB 8942 - Utility Tax Increase**

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

**MOTION:** Adopt Ordinance No. 3078, amending Chapter 5.32 of the Issaquah Municipal Code relating to the Utility Business and Occupation Tax for the cable television, water, sewer, and stormwater utilities; providing for referendum and establishing an effective date.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 7-0</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Hunt, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None

c) **AB 8894 - School Zone Speed Camera**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Assistant to the City Administrator Dale Markey-Crimp.

City Administrator Bobkiewicz suggested that if the City Council wished to add cameras at two locations, it would be preferable to have the first camera (Issaquah Valley Elementary) implemented first with the second camera (Grand Ridge Elementary) phased in at the beginning of the 2026 school year.

**It was moved by Councilmember Marts; seconded by Councilmember Hall, to:**

**MAIN MOTION:** Authorize the addition of one school zone safety camera location by Issaquah Valley Elementary School at Newport Way NW and authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute an amendment to the agreement with Verra Mobility to add two cameras at this location.

**It was moved by Councilmember Marts; seconded by Councilmember Hunt;**

**AMENDMENT:** Authorize the addition of two school zone safety cameras located by (A) Issaquah Valley Elementary School at Newport Way NW and (B) Grand Ridge Elementary at NE Park Drive, phase the implementation per the administration suggestion, and authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute an amendment to the agreement with Verra Mobility to add two cameras at this location.

**There being no objection, the amendment was withdrawn.**

**It was moved by Councilmember Marts; seconded by Councilmember Hunt, to:**

**AMENDMENT:** And refer consideration of a school zone speed camera at Grand Ridge Elementary School to the Services, Safety, and Parks Committee in first quarter 2025.

**There being no objection, the amendment was approved by unanimous consent.**

**The following motion was pending:**

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:** Authorize the addition of one school zone safety camera location by Issaquah Valley Elementary School at Newport Way NW and authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute an amendment to the agreement with Verra Mobility to add two cameras at this location; and refer consideration of a school zone speed camera at Grand Ridge Elementary School to the Services, Safety, and Parks Committee in first quarter 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 6-1</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Hunt, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, and Councilmember Reh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	Council President Walsh

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Joe:*

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Meeting canceled.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Participated in the membership interviews. The recommendations were passed on to the Mayor for consideration.

*Councilmember Hall:*

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - It is time to evaluate the Fire Chief if Councilmembers have any input.

*Councilmember Hunt:*

WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.  
Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report.

*Councilmember Marts:*

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

*Deputy Council President de Michele:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.  
Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report.

*Council President Walsh:*

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - Meeting canceled.  
King County Affordable Housing Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

**Executive Session:** There is an executive session this evening to discuss Property Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The executive session items are expected to take approximately 15 minutes. Action is anticipated to follow in open session.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER***Mayor Pauly:*

How to Do Business in Issaquah Handout - Highlighted this material, which the City is producing.  
Announced upcoming Council meetings.

*City Administrator Bobkiewicz:*

Legislative Breakfast - The City Council expressed some interest in rescheduling for December.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:31 PM, Council moved into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) and pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The items were expected to take approximately 15 minutes. Action was anticipated to follow in open session. The session was extended by 15 minutes.

- a) **ID 1773 - Executive Session - Property Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)**
- b) **ID 1772 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), Action to Follow in Open Session**

**OPEN SESSION**

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:00 PM.

- a) Motion Regarding Executive Session Item

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

**MOTION:** Authorize the Mayor to execute separation agreements with those staff whose positions were eliminated as part of the 2025-26 budget process, as discussed in executive session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 7-0</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Hunt, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM.

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk