

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
January 7, 2025

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 (*attended virtually*), 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 1780 - Recognition of Councilmember Hunt**

Mayor Pauly and City Councilmembers expressed their appreciation to Councilmember Hunt for her service on the City Council.

b) **AB 8931 - Election of Council President and Deputy Council President for 2025**

Mayor Pauly opened the nominations for 2025 Council President.

Councilmember Hall nominated Lindsey Walsh as Council President.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

LINDSEY WALSH WAS ELECTED AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, 7-0.

Mayor Pauly opened the nominations for 2025 Deputy Council President.

Councilmember Marts nominated Barb de Michele as Deputy Council President.

There being no further nominations, nominations were closed.

BARB DE MICHELE WAS ELECTED AS DEPUTY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, 7-0.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Matt Coyne, Issaquah School Board Member, urged the City Council to support the School Bond measure on the February Special election.
- Wright Noel, Volunteers for Issaquah Schools, urged the City Council to support the School Bond measure on the February Special election.

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 1741 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Jan. 7, 2025, \$20,845,327.39**

MOTION: Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, Oct. 28, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Nov. 25, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

- d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Dec. 2, 2024**

MOTION: Approved.

- e) **AB 8930 - 2025-26 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Appointments**

MOTION: Confirmed the following appointments for the 2025-26 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Heather Berry - Village Theatre, Julie Hartwig - Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce, John Parizek - Hilton Garden Inn, William (Billy) Rossman - SpringHill Suites, Alternate: Rachel Wright - Issaquah Arts.

- f) **AB 8947 - Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Grant (Front St. S and Bush Street)**

MOTION: Authorized acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$316,000 for the Front St S and SE Bush St Safety Project and execution of the grant agreement with the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney; and authorized the inclusion of \$316,000 in revenues and expenditures in a subsequent 2025-26 budget amendment.

- g) **AB 8954 - 12th Ave NW and SR 900 Project (TR 004) Design/Construction Management Contract Extension**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment #9 with HDR, Inc. for the 12th Avenue NW & SR 900/17th Ave NE Improvement Project (TR 004) with a term ending March 31, 2025.

h) **AB 8956 - PSE Streetlight Work Order for LED Lights**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute any and all work orders with Puget Sound Energy that are necessary to transition streetlights within the City to energy efficient LED lightbulbs.

i) **AB 8958 - East Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE Pavement Preservation Local Agency Agreement Supplement #2**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to execute the Local Agency Agreement Supplement for the East Lake Sammamish Parkway SE Pavement Preservation Project with WSDOT in substantially the same form as Exhibit A allowing for additional non-financial changes as approved by the City Attorney.

REGULAR BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Applications for funding are now open. Announced upcoming meeting.

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meetings.

Councilmember Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hunt:

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Reh:

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Human Services Forum - Announced upcoming meeting.

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.

Regional Transit Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

King County Board of Health - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Walsh:

Sound Cities Association Growth Management Policy Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will not be an Executive Session this evening.

- Puget Sound Regional Council Awards City of Issaquah with Funding for Transportation Projects
- Cascade Water Alliance Transitioning from Seattle Public Utilities to Tacoma Public Utilities

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Joe:

The Garage Teen Cafe Event - Creative Outlets event occurring tomorrow night from 6-7:30 PM. Teens and the Environment event occurring Feb. 12 at 6 PM.

It was moved by Councilmember Marts, seconded by Councilmember de Michele, to:

MOTION: Request that the Administration consider putting together a bill for consideration for the full Council on Jan. 21, 2025, to endorse the [Issaquah School District] Bond.

Motion Carried, 7-0.

Council President Walsh:

Council Preferences - The City Clerk will be reaching out to get the City Council's appointment preferences.

Deputy Council President de Michele:

Thank You - Thanked the City Council for electing her as Deputy Council President.

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 7:55 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk