

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
January 21, 2025

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

- Present:** Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, and Council President Lindsey Walsh
- Excused Absence:** Mayor Mary Lou Pauly
- 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 pro tem Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor pro tem Walsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

- a) The following public comment was provided:
 - Jason Voiss, resident, spoke regarding a recent incident of property crime and thanked the focus on public safety in the adopted budget.

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) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Dec. 17, 2024**
MOTION: Approved.
- b) **ID 1782 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Jan. 21, 2025, \$9,407,151.09**
MOTION: Approved.
- c) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Dec. 18, 2024**
MOTION: Approved.

d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Jan. 7, 2025**

MOTION: Approved.

e) **ID 1823 - Informational Update: Visit Issaquah Annual Report**

MOTION: Received Report.

f) **AB 8959 - Resolution Adopting Permit Review Streamlining Measures for Local Project Permits**

MOTION: Approved Resolution No. 2025-01, adopting and implementing streamlining measures for project permit review in accordance with Section 7 of Chapter 338, Laws of 2023, and RCW 36.70B.160.

g) **AB 8961 - State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Amendment**

MOTION: Authorized Amendment No. 1 to the grant agreement with the Washington State Military Department to accept grant funds in the amount of \$309,955 for purchasing core network equipment in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

PUBLIC HEARINGa) **AB 8967 - Issaquah School District's 2025 Bond, Feb. 11, 2025 Ballot Item**

The item was introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by City Clerk Tisha Gieser.

The public hearing was opened at approximately 7:12 PM.

The following individuals spoke in support of the resolution in support of the Issaquah School District Bond ballot measure:

- Marnie Maraldo, Issaquah School District Board President
- Kevin Nichols, resident
- Derona Uzzle, resident
- Sydne Mullings, Issaquah School District Board Member
- Matt Coyne, Issaquah School District Board Member
- Wright Noel, business owner
- Landon Halverson, resident

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the resolution:

- Dave Osmer, resident
- Jay Sternoff, resident

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2025-02, supporting the Issaquah School District's Proposition No. 1, General Obligation Bonds, in the amount of \$231,600,000, scheduled to come before voters at the Feb. 11, 2025 Special Election.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

****AB 8832 and AB 8884 were presented jointly.****

- a) **AB 8832 - PFAS Westside Agreed Order with Ecology and Support One-Time Grant Agreements (EFR HQ IVES)**
- b) **AB 8884 - PFAS Eastside Agreed Orders and One Time Grant with Ecology (MFRT)**
Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Public Works Director Emily Moon.

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

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Agreed Order and One-Time Grant with Ecology for PFAS investigation and cleanup feasibility study at the Eastside site (Memorial Field and Rainier Trail) in substantially the same form as the attached agreements, as approved by the City Attorney; and

Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Agreed Order with Ecology for the Westside site (EFR Headquarters, Issaquah Valley Elementary and Dodd Field) in substantially the same form as the attached agreement, as approved by the City Attorney; and direct City Administration to support One-Time Grant Agreements between Eastside Fire and Rescue and Ecology for the PFAS Interim Action, investigation and cleanup feasibility study at the Westside site.

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

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:
 Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce - Made report.

Councilmember Hall:
 King County Emergency Management Advisory Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Reh:
 Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.

Councilmember Marts:

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

Councilmember de Michele:

Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report.
 Regional Transit Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
 King County Board of Health - Made report.

Mayor pro tem Walsh:

Sound Cities Association Growth Management Policy Board - Made report.
 Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None.**INFORMATIONAL UPDATES****a) ID 1803 - Informational Update: Public Records Requests**

Public Records Analyst Tammy Mueller provided the informational update.

City Council feedback included:

- Requested graph showing amount of fees collected
- Is it possible to track when the City has gathered records in addition to tracking when the records are released so there are not delays if people wait to pay for their records?

GOOD OF THE ORDER*Councilmember Joe:*

State of the City Address - Announced address will be occurring at 7:30 AM at Eastridge Church.

Mayor pro tem Walsh:

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 9:09 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Mayor pro tem

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk