

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
February 3, 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 Russell Joe, 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.

Councilmember Joe was excused but arrived later in the meeting.

City Administrator Bobkiewicz announced that due to the inclement weather, the Administration requests that ID 1816 - Informational Update: Windstorm Financial Recovery be rescheduled.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pauly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) ID 1806 - Black History Month Proclamation

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to the Onyx Fine Arts Collective Board President Earnest Thomas and Board Secretary Annie Hudson-Mcknight.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Paul Quinn, Sammamish resident, spoke regarding concerns with the process for charging for solid waste fees.
- Kai Han expressed concern with a recent charge brought against him.

Councilmember Joe entered the Council Chambers.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Councilmember Marts, Chair of the Services Safety & Parks Committee, summarized the Committee's recommendation on AB 8978, 2025 Arts Grant Recommendations.

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

- a) **ID 1783 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Feb. 3, 2025, \$6,192,207.43**

MOTION: Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, Jan. 13, 2025**

MOTION: Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Jan. 21, 2025**

MOTION: Approved.

- d) **AB 8971 - NW Birch Place Water Quality Retrofit Project Contract Amendment No. 2**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to approve Amendment No. 2 to the consultant contract with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) in the amount of \$63,160 and to extend the contract to December 31, 2026.

- e) **AB 8973 - Interlocal Agreement with King County for Jail Services**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Interlocal Agreement with King County for Jail Inmate Housing.

- f) **AB 8905 - Franchise Agreement Renewal - Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC**

MOTION: Introduced.

- g) **AB 8966 - Franchise Agreement - Ezee Fiber Texas, LLC**

MOTION: Introduced.

- h) **AB 8978 - 2025 Arts Grant Recommendations**

MOTION: Approved funding for the 2025 Arts Grants, as recommended by the Arts Commission, for a total expenditure of \$125,000.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- a) **ID 1816 - Informational Update: Windstorm Financial Recovery**

This item was rescheduled.

- b) **AB 8915 - Urban Forest Management Plan**

The Mayor stated that due to the inclement weather expected later tonight there would not be a presentation for this item.

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2025-03, adopting the Urban Forest Management Plan.

MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.

c) AB 8952 - City Council Position No. 6 Vacancy

Introduced by Mayor Pauly. The following applicants made verbal presentations of up to seven minutes:

1. Landon Halverson
2. Quinn L'Heureux
3. Jeffrey Newell
4. Eric Oliner
5. Tina Hays
6. Chris Reichley
7. Mary Newcomer Williams
8. Katia Zakharoff
9. Kelly Jiang
10. Jason Voiss
11. Marc Lazzara
12. Russ Coil

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) ID 1826 - Executive Session - Qualifications of Appointment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)

At 8:55 PM, Council moved into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing qualifications of appointment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). The item was expected to take approximately 30 minutes and action was anticipated in open session. The Executive Session was proceeded by a 10-minute break.

The City Council moved into Executive Session at 9:05 PM. The 30-minute session was extended by 10 minutes. An additional seven minutes was required for the City Council to relocate back to the City Council Chambers.

OPEN SESSION

The open meeting reconvened at 9:52 PM.

The Mayor opened nominations of applicants to move forward in the selection process for City Council Position No. 6.

Council President Walsh nominated Kelly Jiang.

Councilmember Reh nominated Katia Zakharoff.

Deputy Council President de Michele nominated Mary Newcomer Williams.

Councilmember Joe nominated Eric Oliner.

Councilmember Hall nominated Tina Hayes.

Councilmember de Michele nominated Chris Reichley.

Councilmember de Michele nominated Jeff Newell.

There being no further nominations, the Mayor announced the nominations were closed.

MOTION: Move Kelly Jiang, Katia Zakharoff, Mary Newcomer Williams, Eric Oliner, Tina Hayes, Chris Reichley, and Jeff Newell forward in the appointment process.

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

The City Council will hold a meeting on Feb. 10 at 6:30 PM to ask questions of the remaining applicants.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS - None.

MAYOR'S REPORT

A Mayor's report was distributed by email.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Pauly:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

ID 1768 - 2025 City Council Appointments: Regional Appointments and Accounts Payables

Council President Walsh announced the regional appointments.

Councilmember Joe:

Garage Teen Cafe – Announced an environmental meeting will be held on Feb. 12 at 6 PM.

Mayor Pauly:

Antisemitism and Hate Have No Place in Issaquah - Announced that this type of behavior will not be tolerated in Issaquah.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk