

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
March 17, 2025

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers  
135 E. Sunset Way

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Council President Lindsey Walsh, Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Kelly Jiang, Councilmember Russell Joe, and Councilmember Tola Marts

**Excused Absence:** Councilmember Chris Reh

**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 1808 - Arbor Day Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Urban Forest Supervisor Dan Hintz.

b) **ID 1824 - 2025 Transportation Advisory Board Workplan**

The workplan was presented by Senior Transportation Planner Thomas Valdriz, Transportation Advisory Board Chair Julian Mydlil and Vice Chair Tom McDonald.

c) **ID 1804 - Board and Commission 2025 Workplans**

The workplans were presented by City Clerk Tisha Gieser.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

Connie Marsh, resident, spoke regarding the challenges with technical language being used in public forums.

**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 9003 - FLOCK Camera System (item "h").

**It was moved by Walsh, seconded by de Michele, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion Carried (6-0).**

- a) **ID 1787 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of March 17, 2025, \$13,788,643.20**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Jan. 11, 2025**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting - Tour, Jan. 11, 2025**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- d) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, Feb. 10, 2025**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- e) **ID 1774 - Informational Update: Grant and Contract 2024 4th Quarter Report**

**MOTION:** Received Report.

- f) **AB 8992 - Surplus City Equipment**

**MOTION:** Approved Resolution No. 2025-07, declaring certain City vehicles and equipment as surplus.

- g) **AB 8998 - 2025 Water Main Replacement Project (WT 015)**

**MOTION:** Awarded the construction contract for the 2025 Annual Water Main Replacement Project (WT 015) in the amount of \$2,029,765.97 (including sales tax) to CR Construction, LLC; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.

- h) **AB 9003 - FLOCK Camera System**

**MOTION:** Received the report of the Services, Safety & Parks Committee regarding the FLOCK Camera system.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a) **AB 8979 - 2025 Proposed Docket of Comprehensive Plan Amendments**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Assistant Planning Director Stephen Padua.

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

**MOTION:** Approve the 2025 Docket of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use Designation Map Amendments.

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

**MOTION:** Amend the motion to remove Docket Item #3(a), to remove Community Facilities and Community Facilities Privately Owned from the Land Use Designation Map.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>AMENDMENT FAILED, 1-5.</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember Hall
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Council President Walsh, and Councilmember Jiang
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmember Reh

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MAIN MOTION CARRIED, 6-0.</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Council President Walsh, and Councilmember Jiang
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilmember Reh

**b) AB 9002 - Establish Fourth of July Commission**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Deputy City Administrator Andrea Snyder.

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

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution No. 2025-08, establishing a Fourth of July Commission through December 31, 2026.

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

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Jiang:*  
Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.

*Councilmember Joe:*  
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.  
Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.  
Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Hall:*  
Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.  
Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

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Public Safety & Civic Facilities Community Task Force - Announced upcoming meeting.  
 WRIA Salmon Recovery Council - Announced upcoming meeting.  
 Kokanee Work Group - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Marts:*

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.

*Councilmember de Michele:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.  
 Regional Transit Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.  
 Board of Health - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Council President Walsh:*

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - Made report.  
 King County Affordable Housing Committee - Made report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will not be an Executive Session this evening.
- Issaquah Secures Additional Federal Funding for Newport Way NW Improvements
- Upcoming Events

**INFORMATIONAL UPDATES**a) **ID 1828 - Informational Update: Permit Process Improvements**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Community Planning & Development Director Minnie Dhaliwal and Tina Eggers with the Executive Department. Building Official James Gray and Engineering Manager Emily Appleton were also in attendance and responded to questions.

Council feedback regarding additional metrics included:

- Interested in disaggregating permits completed in the first round of review from those completed in the second round of review.
- Interested to see if when communication of applicant next steps improve, the applicant response times also improve.

The City Council will receive another update on this project in September.

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

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

*Mayor Pauly & Deputy Council President de Michele:*

Non-Profit Coordination - Reported on a first convening that occurred today to respond to potential concerns given federal and state funding cuts. The group plans to meet quarterly.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk