

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM
 April 21, 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 Kelly Jiang, 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; 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) **Moment of Silence, State Senator Bill Ramos**

Mayor Pauly announced the recent passing of Issaquah's State Senator, former City Council colleague and friend, Bill Ramos. A moment of silence was held.

The City will be scheduling a more formal tribute at a future meeting.

b) **ID 1877 - Moment of Silence, Former Mayor A.J. Culver**

Mayor Pauly made remarks recognizing former Mayor A.J. Culver who served as the Mayor of Issaquah from 1982 to 1989 and Issaquah City Councilmember from 1972-1979.

Former Mayor Rowan Hinds, Dave Osmer and Mr. Culver's daughter Holly also made comments.

A moment of silence was held.

c) **ID 1815 - Ruth Kees and Community Environmental Awards**

Mayor Pauly awarded the 2025 Ruth & Dan Kees Award to Steve Williams. Steve was unable to attend the meeting. The award was accepted on his behalf by Dave Kappler.

Mayor Pauly awarded the 2025 Community Environmental Award to Mina (Alexandra) Jun.

d) **ID 1811 - Administrative Professionals Day Proclamation**

Councilmember Reh presented the proclamation to Executive Department Coordinator Lindsey Marsh and Community Planning & Development Office Assistant Aronia McLean.

e) **ID 1814 - Small Business Month Proclamation**

Council President Walsh presented the proclamation to Economic & Housing Development Manager Jen Davis Hayes and Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce CEO Julie Hartwig.

f) **ID 1836 - Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation**

Councilmember Joe presented the proclamation Alicia Spinner, Laura Ni, Juni Wu and Nairim Indriago from local non-profit The Circle to the lectern.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Michelle Whitehead, resident, requested Autism/Individuals with Developmental Disabilities crisis response training for first responders, police officers, and Eastside & Fire Rescue first responders.
- Dave Waggoner, resident, summarized a recent flag retirement event, made remarks regarding the passing of Senator Ramos and shared details regarding a Memorial Day event.
- Kyung Han, resident, expressed concern with a recent charge brought against him.
- Helen Flanders, requested Autism/Individuals with Developmental Disabilities crisis response training or registration for those with autism/IDD's so responders can be more prepared.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Councilmember Hall, Chair of the Planning, Development & Environment Committee, summarized the Committee's recommendation on AB 8974 - 2025 Title 18 Clarifying Amendments.

It was moved by Council President Walsh, seconded by Deputy Council President de Michele, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion Carried (7-0).

a) **ID 1789 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of April 21, 2025, \$4,748,110.73**

MOTION: Approved.

b) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole Special Meeting, March 1, 2025**

MOTION: Approved.

c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, March 17, 2025**

MOTION: Approved.

d) **AB 8948 - Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvements Grant**

MOTION: Authorized acceptance of HSIP grant funds in the amount of \$1,952,000 for the Pedestrian Crossing Safety Improvement project and authorized the Mayor to execute Local Agency Agreements and Project Prospectuses for the project with WSDOT in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

e) **AB 8965 - Board & Commission Annual Appointments**

MOTION: Confirmed board and commission appointments as presented in AB 8965.

f) **AB 8974 - 2025 Title 18 Clarifying Amendments**

MOTION: Adopted Ordinance No. 3088, amending Title 18 the Issaquah Municipal Code to incorporate a variety of housekeeping amendments related to: Chapter 18.204 IMC, application review; IMC 18.402.020, table of permitted uses; Chapter 18.404, form and intensity; IMC 18.502.060, day care operation and adult family home standards; Chapter 18.606 IMC, landscaping; Chapter 18.610 IMC, outdoor lighting; Chapter 18.700 IMC, Olde Town standards; IMC 18.702.015, Central Issaquah map; IMC 18.708.025, Talus development standards administration; IMC 18.800.300, SEPA - policies, and Chapter 18.802 IMC, critical areas regulations.

g) **AB 8982 - NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Improvement Project (TR028) Contract Extension**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment No. 5 with HDR, Inc. for TR028 NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Improvement Project with a term ending February 29, 2028.

h) **AB 8994 - WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council Interlocal Agreement Renewal**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the 2026-2035 Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with King County.

i) **AB 8997 - 2024 Water Main Replacement Project (WT 015)**

MOTION: Accepted completion of the 2024 Annual Water Main Replacement Project (WT015) and release the retainage to the contractor.

j) **AB 8999 - Water Systems Improvement Project (WT045)**

MOTION: Accepted completion of the Water Systems Improvement Project (WT045) and release of the retainage to the contractor.

k) **AB 9000 - Sewer Rehabilitation Program (SW 004)**

MOTION: Accepted completion of the 2024 Sewer Rehabilitation Program (SW 004) construction contract and release of the retainage to the contractor.

l) **AB 9001 - East Lake Sammamish Parkway West Ditch Conveyance Project (ST 002)**

MOTION: Accepted completion of the East Lake Sammamish Parkway West Ditch Conveyance Project (ST 002) and release the retainage to the contractor.

m) **AB 9004 - Shoreline Master Program, incorporating Dept of Ecology Changes**

MOTION: Adopted Ordinance No.3089, amending the Shoreline Master Program adopted in Chapter 18.804 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to incorporate Department of Ecology edits.

n) **AB 9013 - Jotform Contract**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute a contract with Jotform in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 8969 - Squak Mt Non-Motorized Improvement Project Preferred Concept**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Transportation Engineering Manager John Mortenson.

Councilmember Joe, Chair of the Mobility & Infrastructure Committee, and Councilmember Reh, former Committee Chair, summarized the Committee's recommendation on this item.

It was moved by Councilmember Reh; seconded by Councilmember Joe, to:

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2025-10, adopting the Squak Mountain Non-Motorized Improvements Project Study Report.

RESULT:	Carried 7-0
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
OPPOSED:	None

AB 8986 and AB 9016 were presented jointly.

b) **AB 8986 - 2023-24 Budget Reauthorizations**

c) **AB 9016 - First 2025-26 Budget Amendment**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Acting Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Rein.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 3090, amending the 2025-26 budget as set forth in Ordinance No. 3083 concerning revenues, expenditures, and fund balance for various funds.

RESULT:	Carried 7-0
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh

OPPOSED: None

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS*Councilmember Jiang:*

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.
 Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.

Councilmember Joe:

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - May meeting was canceled.
 Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce Board - Made report.

Councilmember Hall:

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made announcements.

Councilmember Marts:

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

Councilmember de Michele:

Regional Transit Committee - Made report.
 Board of Health - Made report.

Council President Walsh:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will not be an Executive Session this evening.
- 2025 Boards & Commissions Recruitment
- Sustainability Fair this Saturday, April 26th
- Issaquah Farmers Market Returns May 3rd

GOOD OF THE ORDER*Deputy Council President de Michele:*

Vishu Event - Announced an upcoming event on April 27 from 12-4 PM.

Mayor Pauly:

State Senator Bill Ramos - Reiterated the City will be working to schedule another recognition at a future meeting.

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 9:28 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk