

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
May 19, 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; 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 1887 - Keana Hunter Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly presented the proclamation to Keana Hunter, Olympic Silver Medalist in the 2024 Olympic Games.

b) **ID 1842 - National Safe Boating and Paddling Week Proclamation**

Councilmember Marts presented the proclamation to Coast Guard Auxiliaries Willis and Blackstock.

c) **ID 1839 - Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation**

Councilmember Hall presented the proclamation to Eastside Fire & Rescue Deputy Chief of Special Operations Doug McDonald and firefighters from Fire Station 71.

d) **ID 1841 - Public Works Week Proclamation**

Councilmember Reh presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Emily Moon.

e) **ID 1884 - Recognition of Jen Davis Hayes**

Mayor Pauly recognized Economic & Housing Development Manager Jen Davis Hayes for her years of service.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Randy Harrison, resident, spoke regarding concerns with a potential fire hazard along the medians at Idylwood Dr. on Squak Mountain.
- Corby Casler, Executive Director of the Downtown Issaquah Association, spoke regarding the 2024 accomplishments of the Downtown Issaquah Association.
- Windy Pickering, resident, spoke regarding concerns with allowing multifamily housing in Olde Town related to AB 8972, Middle Housing Amendments to Title 18, Land Use Code.
- Ann Fletcher, resident, spoke in support of the recommendations made in AB 8972, Middle Housing Amendments to Title 18, Land Use Code.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Councilmember Reh made comments in support of AB 8949, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Video Analytics Grant.

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

- a) **ID 1791 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of May 19, 2025, \$5,286,546.99**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Jan. 30, 2025**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, April 28, 2025**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, May 5, 2025**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- e) **ID 1881 - Informational Update: Fiscal Year 2024 and Q1 2025 Update**

**MOTION:** Received Report.

- f) **AB 8949 - Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Video Analytics Grant**

**MOTION:** Accepted the Traffic Conflict Screening grant funds in the amount of \$460,000 for the Video Analytics project; 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 B), as approved by the City Attorney; and authorized the inclusion of \$460,000 in grant funding for the Video Analytics Deployment Project in a subsequent 2025 budget amendment.

- g) **AB 9018 - 2025 Crack and Surface Seal Project (TR030-SS)**

**MOTION:** Awarded the construction contract for the TR030-SS Crack and Surface Seal Project to Doolittle Construction LLC in the amount of \$469,750.00 (including sales tax).

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

a) **AB 8632 - 2024 Sanitary Sewer System Plan**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Utility Engineering Manager Matt Ellis.

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

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

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2025-11, adopting the 2024 Sanitary Sewer System Plan.

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

*\*\*AB 8972 and AB 9021 were presented jointly.\*\**

b) **AB 8972 - Middle Housing Amendments to Title 18, Land Use Code**

**It was moved by Council President Walsh; seconded by Councilmember Hall, to:**

**MOTION:** Adopt the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance No. 3091, amending Title 18 the Issaquah Municipal Code to incorporate a variety of changes to comply with HB 1110 (as amended in HB 2321) regarding middle housing;
2. Ordinance No. 3092, amending Title 18 the Issaquah Municipal Code to incorporate changes to comply with HB 1337 regarding accessory dwelling units; and
3. Ordinance No. 3093, amending Title 18 the Issaquah Municipal Code Chapter 18.604, Parking, to comply with the middle housing requirements in HB 1110 and HB 1337.
4. Adopt Ordinance No. 3094, amending the street standards adopted by Ordinance 3029 to conform with the City's middle housing regulations regarding street frontage improvements.

Incorporating the effective date correction noted by the City Clerk that the effective date be five days after publication in the newspaper.

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

b) **AB 9021 - Street Standards Conforming Amendments**

c) **AB 9009 - City Council Vacancy Process, Amendments to City Council Rules of Procedure**

**It was moved by Council President Walsh; seconded by Councilmember Hall, to:**

**MAIN MOTION:** Approve Resolution No. 2025-12, amending Section 2.03 of the City Council Rules of Procedure regarding filling a vacancy on the City Council.

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

**AMENDMENT:** Amend Section 2.03(H), City Council Rules of Procedure, Final Appointment Process as follows:

In (H)(3), insert the following:

The nominees are then voted on in the order the nominations were made. The vote is taken by voice and show of hands. Each Councilmember may vote for one nominee per round of voting.

In (H)(4), strike out and insert the following:

The process continues until a nominee receives a majority of the votes. This method requires that a Councilmember wishing to vote for a candidate appearing later in the list of nominees ~~withhold their vote from early~~ would not vote on earlier nominees in order to reserve their vote for their favored nominee.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Jiang; seconded by Councilmember Reh to amend the Rules to eliminate the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes after each round of voting when making the final appointment. Without objection, the motion was withdrawn.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Main Motion as Amended Carried 7-0</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Joe:*

- Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Cascade Water Alliance Public Affairs Committee - June meeting canceled.
- Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.
- Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Hall:*

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

*Councilmember Reh:*

Fourth of July Commission - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Marts:*

Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Deputy Council President de Michele:*

Eastside Human Services Forum - Made report.

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Seattle-King County 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 be an Executive Session this evening to discuss Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4).
- Memorial Day Ceremony at Lower Hillside Cemetery

**GOOD OF THE ORDER***Deputy Council President de Michele and Mayor Pauly:*

Non-profit Convening - Participating non-profits reported on their loss of federal funding and their concerns about the impacts of funding cuts. Agencies are waiting to hear what is going to happen on the federal level with Medicaid.

*Councilmember Joe:*

Serve Veterans - Veterans' breakfasts are occurring at the Senior Center and there are opportunities to volunteer.

*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:52 PM, the City Council took a break. The City Council moved into Executive Session at 10:02 PM for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4). The item was expected to take approximately 15 minutes.

- a) **ID 1874 - Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining per RCW 42.30.140(4)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:18 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM.

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk