

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
June 9, 2025

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: 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: 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

Council President Walsh, serving as Mayor pro tem, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor pro tem Walsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) ID 1888 - Senator Bill Ramos Memorial Proclamation

Mayor pro tem Walsh issued the memorial proclamation to Senator Victoria Hunt who accepted it on behalf of the family.

A flag was presented by Dave Waggoner, a representative of the American Legion Post #79 and Issaquah Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3436.

Councilmembers made comments honoring Bill Ramos.

b) ID 1846 - Cougar Mountain Zoo Week Proclamation

Councilmember Jiang presented the proclamation to Cougar Mountain Zoo Education Manager Kyla Cain and Vito the Tegu.

c) ID 1843 - Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation

Councilmember Reh presented the proclamation to Julie Carr, a volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

d) ID 1844 - Juneteenth Day Proclamation

Deputy Council President de Michele presented the proclamation to Equity Board member Lesley Millender-Irwin.

e) **ID 1845 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation**

Councilmember Hall presented the proclamation to Executive Director of Pride Across the Bridge Axton Burton.

f) **ID 1890 - 2025 Legislative Session Update**

The update was provided by City lobbyist Shelly Helder.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Paul Quinn, Sammamish resident, made comments regarding solid waste disposal rates.
- Corby Casler, representing the Downtown Issaquah Association, spoke regarding the Downtown Issaquah Association's activities.
- Alex Tsimerman, Bellevue resident, made comments.
- Liz Tidyman, resident, spoke regarding the community meals program.
- Elizabeth Maupin, resident, encouraged the City to consider a day center for unhoused individuals and urged legislative advocacy to change the state's tax structure.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

a) **ID 1792 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of June 9, 2025, \$6,817,934.24**

MOTION: Approved.

b) Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, May 13, 2025

MOTION: Approved.

c) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, May 19, 2025

MOTION: Approved.

d) **ID 1889 - Informational Update: 2025 Q1 Grant & Contract Report**

MOTION: Received Report.

e) **AB 8939 - Dept. of Ecology Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Grant (Olde Town Targeted Basin Study and Plan Study)**

MOTION: Authorized acceptance of the Ecology FY25 Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Grant for development of the Olde Town Targeted Basin Study and Plan in the amount of \$552,500 and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the grant agreement with the Department of Ecology.

f) **AB 9011 - Washington Dept. of Commerce Grant for Resilient Energy System (Senior Center)**

MOTION: Authorized acceptance of the Clean Energy Community Grants program funds in the amount of \$1,712,984 and execution of the grant agreement with Washington Department of Commerce for the Clean Energy Community Grants program in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney; and authorized inclusion of the grant revenues and related expenditures in a subsequent 2025-2026 budget amendment, if needed.

g) **AB 9024 - Black Nugget Retaining Wall Project (TR 033) Design Contract Amendment #3**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to execute Amendment #3 with KPFF for the final design work for the Black Nugget Retaining Wall Replacement Project in the amount of \$643,531 in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

h) **AB 9028 - Department of Commerce Climate Planning Grant Amendment 2**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into an amendment to the Dept. of Commerce Climate Planning Grant Agreement to reduce the total funding by \$69,733 for a total agreement of \$430,267 in substantially the same form as the attached amendment (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

i) **AB 9035 - Vacation of a Portion of 12th Avenue Northwest**

MOTION: Approved Resolution No. 2025-13, setting a public hearing date of July 21, 2025, to consider vacation of right-of-way for a portion of 12th Avenue NW.

j) **AB 9036 - 2025 Maintenance Overlay Project (TR 030-OL25)**

MOTION: Awarded the construction contract for the 2025 Maintenance Overlay Project (TR 030-OL25) in the amount of \$704,020.00 (including sales tax) to Lakeside Industries; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.

PUBLIC HEARING

a) **AB 9006 - 2027-2032 Capital Improvement Plan**

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Budget Manager Susie Monsell.

Mayor pro tem Walsh opened the public hearing.

No public comments were provided.

Mayor pro tem Walsh asked if there was any objection to continuing the public hearing to the June 23, 2025, City Council meeting. There being no objection, the hearing was continued.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 9029 - Newport Sewer Relocation (SW 017) Project**

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

MOTION:

1. Award the construction contract for the Newport Sewer Relocation Project (SW 017) in the amount of \$5,695,187.18 (including sales tax) to Northwest Cascade, Inc.;
2. Authorize an amendment to the existing contract with Otak, Inc, in the amount of \$148,486.82 to provide specialized construction supervision and inspection services; and
3. Authorize inclusion of \$2,900,000 of additional revenue and related expenditures for the project from the Sewer Fund in a future 2025-26 budget amendment.

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 Joe:

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

Councilmember Jiang:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Hall:

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

Councilmember Reh:

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.
 Fourth of July Commission - Made report. Councilmember Reh will be Vice Chair.

Councilmember Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Services, Safety & Parks Committee - The June meeting has been canceled.

Deputy Council President de Michele:

Seattle King County Public Health Debriefing - Made report.

Mayor pro tem Walsh:

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
 King County Affordable Housing Committee - The July meeting has been canceled.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor pro tem Walsh reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will not be an Executive Session this evening.

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- Public Work Crews Repair Water Main Break on Front Street
- Local Issaquah Youth Selected for Youth Leadership Summit
- Upcoming Events
- Newport Way Construction Begins this Summer

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Councilmember Joe:

Announced Upcoming Events - Cones with a Cop, Garage Pride Parade, and the Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce after hours at Boehm's Chocolates event.

Councilmember Jiang:

Harvey Manning Birthday – An event hosted by the Issaquah Alps Trail Club will be held on July 9.

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 9:12 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Mayor pro tem

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk