

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
June 23, 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

Mayor pro tem Walsh 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 1882 - Recognition of Deputy City Clerk Chris Grabowski**

Mayor pro tem Walsh recognized Deputy City Clerk Chris Grabowski for his years of service.

b) **ID 1893 - Informational Update: Fourth of July Commission Update**

Commission Chair Paul Winterstein provided an update on the activities being planned for the 2025 Fourth of Jul celebration.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Alex Tsimerman, Bellevue resident, made comments.

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 1793 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of June 23, 2025, \$4,837,417.21**

MOTION: Approved.

b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, June 9, 2025**

MOTION: Approved.

c) **AB 9010 - Four Year Commute Trip Reduction Plan (2025-2029)**

MOTION: Adopted Ordinance No. 3095, adopting the Issaquah Commute Trip Reduction Four-Year Plan Update: 2025–2029 and amending Chapter 10.46 of the Issaquah Municipal Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

d) **AB 9034 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Grant (Gilman Wells GAC Vessel Winterization and Sewer Connection)**

MOTION: Authorized acceptance of the US EPA Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Grant, in the amount of \$600,000 for the development and construction of the Gillman Well #4 PFAS GAC Vessel Winterization and Sewer Connection project, and authorize execution of the related grant agreement with the US Environmental Protection Agency in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney; and authorized the inclusion of \$50,000 in project funding from the Water Fund balance to this project for a total budget of \$750,000 in a subsequent 2025-26 budget amendment, if needed.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Introduced by Mayor pro tem Walsh and presented by Deputy City Administrator Andrea Snyder.

Mayor pro tem Walsh reopened the public hearing at 7:25 PM.

The following public comment was provided:

- Alex Tsimerman, Bellevue resident, made comments.

The public hearing was closed at 7:31 PM.

REGULAR BUSINESS

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

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2025-14, adopting the Capital Improvement Plan for 2027-2032, including the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

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:

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.

Councilmember Joe:

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

Councilmember Hall:

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.
 WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Announced upcoming meeting.
 Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Reh:

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.

Councilmember Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.
 Services, Safety & Parks Committee – The June meeting is canceled.

Deputy Council President de Michele:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT - None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor pro tem Walsh:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:46 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The item was expected to take approximately 15 minutes.

- a) **ID 1896 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

OPEN SESSION

- a) **Motion Following Executive Session**

The open meeting was reconvened at 8:04 PM.

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

MOTION: Authorize the City Administrator to execute a separation agreement as discussed in Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Lindsey Walsh, Mayor pro tem

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk