

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
October 6, 2025

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

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

Excused Absence: Councilmember Russell Joe

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 1860 - Fire Prevention Week Proclamation**

Councilmember Hall presented the proclamation to Eastside Fire & Rescue Fire Marshall Mark Lawrence and Chief Ben Lane.

b) **ID 1861 - Hindu American Heritage Month Proclamation**

Deputy Councilmember de Michele presented the proclamation to Praveen Bodke and local members of the Hindu American Foundation.

c) **ID 1863 - Substance Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

Council President Walsh presented the proclamation to Influence the Choice Executive Director Marnie Maraldo, At-Large Sector Representative Suresh Pillai and Nayesha Diwan, Ardra Arwin, and Evie Diffloth, students from TECH (Teens Encouraging Community Health).

d) **ID 1858 - Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation**

Councilmember Reh presented the proclamation to Code Enforcement Officer Lauri Dunning and Community Planning & Development Director Minnie Dhaliwal.

e) **ID 1859 - Arts & Humanities Month Proclamation**

Councilmember Jiang presented the proclamation to City of Issaquah Arts Program Administrator Amy Dukes & Arts Commission Members Caroline Thienes, Tina Hays, and Kimberly Kapustein.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Klina Dupuy, President of the Providence Point Umbrella Association, spoke in support of the AB 8989, Title 18 Tree Code Update and emphasized the importance of wildfire mitigation.
- Susan Glicksberg, resident and Governmental Affairs Chair of the Montreux Homeowners' Association, expressed concerns with portions of the proposed AB 8989, Title 18 Tree Code Update.
- Marnie Maraldo, Issaquah School Board Member, spoke regarding the Bellevue College proposal coming before the City Council and urged consideration of future Issaquah School District needs.
- Steve Pereira, Olde Town resident, spoke regarding concerns with campaign signs, the candidate forum, and artificial intelligence.
- Jay Sternoff, resident of Providence Point, spoke in support of AB 8989, Title 18 Tree Code Update, but expressed concern with two specific provisions.
- Connie Marsh, resident, spoke regarding concerns with AB 9051, Public Safety Sales Tax and AB 8989, Title 18 Tree Code Update.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

- a) **ID 1784 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Oct. 6, 2025, \$6,962,188.34**

MOTION: Approved.

- b) Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Sept. 2, 2025

MOTION: Approved.

- c) **AB 9072 - Citywide SCADA Cellular Communications Upgrade**

MOTION: Approved Resolution No. 2025-17 waiving state competitive bidding requirements for the citywide SCADA system communications upgrade based on RCW 39.04.280(1)(a) and RCW 39.04.280(1)(b) and authorized the Mayor to execute a contract with S&B, Inc. in the amount of \$669,404.36.

- d) **AB 9075 - Dynamic Message Sign Upgrades Project (TR081-RR)**

MOTION: Awarded the construction contract for the Dynamic Message Sign Upgrades Project (TR081-RR) in the amount of \$364,356 (including sales tax) to Transportation Systems, Inc.; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.

- e) **AB 9080 - Amendment to Interagency Agreement with Dept. of Enterprise Services, Energy Program (Upgrades at Public Works)**

MOTION: Authorized the amendment to the Interagency Agreement with the Dept. of Enterprise Services #K8418 which approves the Energy Services Proposal with MacDonald Miller Facility Solutions for energy efficiency upgrades at the Public Works facility in the amount of \$195,743 in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit B), as approved by the City Attorney.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 9051 - Public Safety Sales Tax**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Finance Director Kristin Garcia.

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

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 3113, enacting an additional sales and use tax of one tenth of one percent for criminal justice purposes as authorized by RCW 82.14.345; and adding a new section 3.04.027 to the Issaquah Municipal Code.

RESULT:	Carried 6-0
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
OPPOSED:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Joe

b) **AB 8989 - Title 18 Tree Code Update**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by Community Planning & Development Director Minnie Dhaliwal.

Councilmember Hall, Chair of the Planning, Development & Environment Committee, summarized the Committee's recommendation on this item.

It was moved by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Jiang, to:

MOTION: Adopt Ordinance No. 3114, amending Chapter 18.102, Definitions, and 18.812, Tree Preservation, of the Issaquah Municipal Code.

RESULT:	Carried 6-0
IN FAVOR:	Deputy Council President de Michele, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Marts, Councilmember Reh, and Council President Walsh
OPPOSED:	None
ABSENT:	Councilmember Joe

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Jiang:
K4C Climate Collaboration Elected's Committee - Made report.

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

Council President Walsh:

Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Policy Board - Made report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Executive Session: There will be an Executive Session this evening to discuss pending or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). It is expected to take approximately 15 minutes.
- Salmon Days Weekend Success
- Upcoming Events

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Council President Walsh:

Salmon Days - Expressed appreciation for this event.

Pumpkin Derby - Reminded Councilmembers of this upcoming event.

Mayor Pauly:

Sound Cities Association Appointments - Shared that some seats are open that may be valuable for Issaquah to serve on.

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:18 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 1919 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:34 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk