

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM
February 2, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Mark Mullet, Councilmember Paul Adair, Councilmember Kelly Jiang, Councilmember Russell Joe, Deputy Council President Tola Marts, Councilmember Kevin Nichols, and Councilmember Lindsey Walsh

Excused Absence: Council President Barbara de Michele

Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator; Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator; Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney; and Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mullet called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mullet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) **ID 1953 - Black History Month Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet issued the proclamation to Human Services Commissioner Manny Brown.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Denise Darnell, Sammamish resident, spoke regarding concerns with construction of the fourth comprehensive high school due to environmental impacts.
- Heather Murphy Raines, Sammamish resident, spoke regarding concerns with construction of the fourth comprehensive high school due to environmental impacts.
- Mark Clemens, Executive Director of Friends of the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery, provided an update on hatchery activity.
- Lisa Steele, Sammamish resident, spoke regarding concerns with construction of the fourth comprehensive high school due to environmental impacts and the need to balance growth and conservation.
- Beau Raines, Sammamish resident, spoke on behalf of Dr. Wally Pereyra regarding concerns with construction of the fourth comprehensive high school due to impacts to kokanee salmon.
- Corby Casler, Executive Director of the Downtown Issaquah Association, shared an update on recent advocacy and a study DIA is conducting.
- Jay Sternoff, resident, asked what transportation improvements would be made as part of the construction of the fourth comprehensive high school.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Mayor Mullet announced that AB 9091, Newport Way Maple to Sunset Improvements Project (TR 023) Design Agreement Supplement, (item "d") is removed from the Consent Calendar [and will be considered at a later meeting].

Deputy Council President Marts, member of the Services, Safety & Parks Committee, summarized the report on AB 9142, 2026 Arts Grant Recommendations, item "i" on the Consent Calendar.

It was moved by Deputy Council President Marts, seconded by Councilmember Walsh, to approve the consent agenda as amended [to remove AB 9091]. Motion Carried (6-0).

- a) **ID 1936 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of Feb. 2, 2026, \$12,803,492.43**

MOTION: Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, Jan. 20, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, Jan. 24, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- d) **AB 9091 - Newport Way Maple to Sunset Improvements Project (TR 023) Design Agreement Supplement** - *Removed from Consent Calendar to be considered at a later meeting.*

- e) **AB 9109 - Amendments to Title 13 and Title 16 re: Septic Inspection Program Updates and Grease Interceptor Requirements**

MOTION: Adopted Ordinance No. 3131, adding a new Section 13.36.050 of the Issaquah Municipal Code and amending other various sections of Title 13 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to adopt updated on-site sewerage system regulations; providing for severability and establishing an effective date; and

Adopted Ordinance No. 3132, amending Chapter 16.38 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to update regulations intended to prevent sanitary sewer blockages and protect the environment; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

- f) **AB 9121 - Newport Way Landslide Stabilization Project (TR060)**

MOTION: Accepted completion of the Newport Way Landslide Stabilization project and release the construction bond for the contractor.

- g) **AB 9130 - Teamsters 117 representing Police Sergeants Collective Bargaining Agreement**

MOTION: Approved the terms of the 2026-28 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Teamsters Local Union No. 117 (Police Sergeants), consisting of the 2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement (Exhibit B) as amended with the changes in the Fully Recommended Settlement Offer (Exhibit A), and authorized the Mayor to enter into and

execute the Agreement; and directed the Human Resources Director to amend the 2026 salary ordinance to incorporate the revised wages in a subsequent amendment.

h) AB 9131 - Sunrise PI to Sycamore Emergency Access Project (ST 021) Design Contract Amendment #1

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment #1 to the agreement with RH2 Engineering for design and permitting of the Sunrise PI to Sycamore Emergency Access Project (ST 021), in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

i) AB 9142 - 2026 Arts Grant Recommendations

MOTION: Approved funding for the 2026 Arts Grants, as recommended by the Arts Commission, for a total expenditure of \$125,000.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) AB 9113 - 2025 ARCH Trust Fund

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by A Regional Coalition for Housing Executive Director Lindsay Masters.

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-05, authorizing the duly-appointed administering agency for ARCH to execute all documents necessary to enter into agreements for the funding of affordable housing projects, as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board, utilizing funds from the City's Housing Trust Fund.

RESULT:	Carried 6-0
IN FAVOR:	Councilmember Adair, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Deputy Council President Marts, Councilmember Nichols, and Councilmember Walsh
OPPOSED:	None
EXCUSED	Council President de Michele
ABSENCE:	

b) AB 9145 - Revising ARCH Downpayment Assistance Program

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by A Regional Coalition for Housing Executive Director Lindsay Masters.

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-06, authorizing revisions to the terms and conditions applicable to the House Key Plus ARCH (East King County) Downpayment Assistance Program, authorizing execution of related agreements, and ratifying prior actions taken in support of said program, all as recommended by the Executive Board for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH).

RESULT:	Carried 6-0
IN FAVOR:	Councilmember Adair, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Deputy Council President Marts, Councilmember Nichols, and Councilmember Walsh
OPPOSED:	None
EXCUSED	Council President de Michele
ABSENCE:	

c) **AB 9146 - Delegating ARCH Administrative Duties for Pre-2010 Projects**

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by A Regional Coalition for Housing Executive Director Lindsay Masters.

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-07, authorizing the delegation of administrative duties to Bellevue for ARCH Housing Trust Fund financing agreements that pre-date the 2010 Interlocal Agreement Amendment.

RESULT:	Carried 6-0
IN FAVOR:	Councilmember Adair, Councilmember Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Deputy Council President Marts, Councilmember Nichols, and Councilmember Walsh
OPPOSED:	None
EXCUSED	Council President de Michele
ABSENCE:	

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Nichols:
King Conservation District Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Jiang:
Council Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Joe:
Council Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Feb. meeting canceled.
Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
Cascade Water Alliance Board - Made report. Announced upcoming meetings.

Councilmember Walsh:
Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Deputy Council President Marts:
Sound Cities Association (SCA) Board - Made report.
SCA Board and Committee Orientation - Announced upcoming meeting.
SCA Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.
Council Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Made report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Boardwalk along State Route 900
- United States Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting Reflection
- Welcome to 12saquah!
- 12saquah Seahawks Rally on Thursday

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Deputy Council President Marts:*
Council President de Michele - Wish her a speedy recovery.
- Councilmember Joe:*
Washington State Dept. of Transportation Fish Passage Meeting - Announced upcoming meeting.
- Mayor Mullet:*
Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ID 1964 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**

This item was not needed. No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk