

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
 March 30, 2026

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 135 E.  
 Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE**

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

**Excused Absence:**

**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 1999 - Public Safety Telecommunications Week Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to Police Communications Manager Tricia Bellizzi.

b) **ID 2000 - Sexual Assault Awareness & Prevention Month Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to Diana Schuetz, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center Board Member and Issaquah resident.

c) **ID 1990 - 2026 Legislative Session Report Out**

City lobbyist Shelly Helder and Management Analyst Gillian Straub provided a legislative update to the City Council.

The Council expressed support for a legislative breakfast this spring.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment:

- James Marquardt, resident, spoke regarding concerns with ALPR camera systems.
- Don Robertson, resident, spoke in support of Issaquah History Museum Track Use Agreement and Trolley Funding Amendment.
- Robert Rowe, resident, spoke regarding concerns with noise in the middle of the night due to delivery trucks at Swedish Hospital.
- Mary Scott, Issaquah History Museums volunteer, spoke in support of Issaquah History Museum Track Use Agreement and Trolley Funding Amendment.
- Nica Rondinelli, resident and Gibson Ek student, urged pursuing options for more affordable housing.

- Mae Hollinshead, resident and Gibson Ek student, urged pursuing options for more affordable housing.
- Steve Pereira, resident, spoke regarding concerns with proposed code updates considered by the Park Board.
- Karen Kline, Bellevue resident, spoke regarding concerns with ALPR camera systems.
- Dick Campbell, Issaquah History Museums volunteer, spoke in support of Issaquah History Museum Track Use Agreement and Trolley Funding Amendment.
- B.J. Ullom, spoke regarding concerns with ALPR camera systems.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

The City Clerk clarified that the Street Standards Ordinance (Ordinance No. 3135) included in, AB 9099 - Street Standards - Landscaping Update, has been updated to include an effective date that aligns with the effective date of the Landscape Amendments Ordinance (Ordinance No. 3136). This corrected version will be the version before Council for adoption tonight.

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

- a) **ID 1941 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of March 30, 2026, \$25,976,985.36**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, March 16, 2026**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- c) **AB 9045 - NW Birch Place Water Quality Retrofit Project**

**MOTION:** Accepted completion of the NW Birch Place Water Quality Retrofit Project construction and release of retainage to the contractor.

- d) **AB 9099 - Street Standards - Landscaping Update**

**MOTION:**

Adopted Ordinance No. 3135, amending the Street Standards adopted by Ordinance 3094, and

Adopted Ordinance No. 3136, amending portions of Chapter 18.606 of the Issaquah Municipal Code (IMC), Landscaping.

- e) **AB 9150 - Puget Sound Energy Decarbonization Grant for Issaquah Community Center**

**MOTION:** Authorized acceptance of the Commercial and Industrial Decarbonization grant in the amount of \$700,000 and execution of the grant agreement with Puget Sound Energy; and authorization to include the grant revenues and related expenditures in a subsequent 2025-2026 budget amendment.

f) **AB 9156 - 2026 Water Main Replacement (WT 015) Project**

**MOTION:** Awarded the construction contract for the 2026 Water Main Replacement Project (WT015) in the amount of \$742,030.99 (including sales tax) to Fury Site Works; and authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.

g) **AB 9158 - Amendments to IMC 2.89, Economic Vitality Commission**

**MOTION:** Adopted Ordinance No. 3137, amending section 2.89.020 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to reduce the number of members on the Economic Vitality Commission; providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

h) **AB 9157 - 2026 Board & Commission Annual Appointments**

**MOTION:** Confirmed board and commission appointments as presented in AB 9157.

i) **AB 9169 - Amending Community Planning and Development Fees**

**MOTION:** Adopted Ordinance No. 3138, amending Sections 3.64.010, 3.64.020, 3.65.025, 3.66.040, and 16.35.020 of the Issaquah Municipal Code and Subsection 109 of the Construction Administrative Code as codified in Section 16.04.010 of the Issaquah Municipal Code to update the City's development fees, including land use and site work permit fees, and fees for building permits, inspections, plan review and other related services, and technology fees associated therewith.

j) **AB 9175 - Opioid Settlement Agreements: Six Remnant Defendants**

**MOTION:** Approved and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the required Settlement Participation Forms in order to participate in the Six Remnant Defendants Settlement Agreement.

k) **AB 9176 - State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Amendment**

**MOTION:** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the amendment to the grant agreement and any additional required forms with the Washington State Military Department to accept additional grant funds in the amount of \$95,238, bringing the grant total to \$405,193, for purchasing core network equipment in substantially the same form as the attached amendment (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**a) **AB 9170 - Issaquah History Museum Track Use Agreement and Trolley Funding Amendment**

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by Economic Development Manager Alexis Fitzsimmons and Issaquah History Museums Executive Director Paul Winterstein.

**It was moved by Council President Marts, seconded by Deputy Council President Jiang, to:**

**MOTION:** Authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute an amendment to the existing lease and funding agreement with the Issaquah History Museums (IHM) to provide an additional \$25,000 for 2026 trolley startup and operations and authorize a Track Use Agreement governing IHM's use of the City-owned rail corridor in substantially the same form as the attached agreements (Exhibit B) as approved by the City Attorney; and authorize an additional \$25,000 in a subsequent 2025-26 budget amendment.

**It was moved by Council President Marts, seconded by Deputy Council President Jiang, to:**

**AMENDMENT:** Amend the language in Section 8 of the Track Use Agreement to add that the City can terminate the Track Use Agreement without cause if the IHM lease terminates.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 5-1</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember Adair, Deputy Council President Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Council President Marts, and Councilmember Nichols
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	Councilmember Walsh
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 6-0</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember Adair, Deputy Council President Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Council President Marts, Councilmember Nichols, and Councilmember Walsh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Adair:*

WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.  
 Lake Sammamish Kokanee Interlocal Management Committee - Made report.

*Councilmember Joe:*

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

*Councilmember Walsh:*

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report.  
 Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.  
 Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.  
 ARCH Council of Elected Officials - Made report.

*Deputy Council President Jiang:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.  
 King County Regional Homelessness Authority - Announced upcoming meeting.  
 PSRC Regional Open Space Conservation Plan Advisory Committee - Joining this committee and will be the Chair.

*Council President Marts:*

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Cascade Water Alliance Board Report
- 2026 Board and Commission Recruitment
- Puget Sound Energy Grant for Community Center Upgrades
- Upcoming Events

**GOOD OF THE ORDER***Mayor Mullet:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

*Councilmember Nichols:*

International Transgender Day of Visibility - Announced that tomorrow is the International Transgender Day of Visibility.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:25 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing property acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b). The item is expected to take approximately 20 minutes. The session was extended by 15 minutes.

- a) **ID 2004 - Executive Session - Property Acquisition per RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:59 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 PM.

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk