

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
April 20, 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 2011 - Administrative Professionals Day Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to Cherie Spencer, Administrative Specialist with Parks & Community Services; Ruzielle Ganuelas, Administrative Specialist with Public Works; Alicia Novanthongme, Administrative Specialist with Public Works; Bill Gasperetti, Office Assistant with Community Planning & Development; and Lindsey Marsh, Executive Department Coordinator.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following individuals spoke in opposition to Flock Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) cameras:

- Nicholas Harang, resident
- Leslie Kreher, resident
- Alastair Brewer, resident
- Karyn Ellis, resident
- Ren Lis, resident, business owner and property owner
- Julie Carr, resident
- Chandra Ryder, resident
- Victor Bello, resident
- Kris Adair, resident
- Margaret Escobar, resident
- Will Kheriaty, resident
- B.J. Ullom, resident
- Mae Hollingshead, student

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

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

**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 1965 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of April 20, 2026, \$5,987,893.92**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, March 9, 2026**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, March 30, 2026**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- d) **AB 9127 - Teamsters 117 representing Police Commanders**

**MOTION:** Approved the terms of the 2026-28 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and the Teamsters Local Union No. 117 (Police Commanders), consisting of the terms set forth in the 2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement (Exhibit A) and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute an Agreement reflecting such terms; and directed the Human Resources Director to amend the 2026 salary ordinance to incorporate the revised wages in a subsequent amendment.

- e) **AB 9129 - Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA) Joint Board Interlocal Agreement**

**MOTION:** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency (EPSCA) Joint Board Interlocal Agreement.

- f) **AB 9143 - Sunset Way Landslide and Utility Improvements (TR061) Project**

**MOTION:** Awarded the construction contract for the Sunset Way Landslide and Utility Improvement Project (TR061) in the amount of \$909,218.91 to Fury Site Works, Inc.; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.

- g) **AB 9154 - Lower Sycamore Sewer Extension (SW 009) Project**

**MOTION:** Awarded the construction contract for the Lower Sycamore Sewer Extension Project (SW 009) in the amount of \$506,476.75 (including sales tax) to Harkness Construction LLC; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.

- h) **AB 9163 - Issaquah Highlands Sewer Main Capacity and Redundancy (SW 010) Project**

**MOTION:** Awarded the construction contract for the Issaquah Highlands Sewer Main Capacity and Redundancy (SW 010) Project to SCI Infrastructure in the amount of \$879,347.95 (including sales tax); and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.

i) **AB 9172 - Department of Commerce Electric Vehicle Charging Grant**

**MOTION:** Authorized acceptance of the Electric Vehicle Charging grant funds in the amount of \$100,000 and execution of the grant agreement with Department of Commerce; and authorized inclusion of the grant revenues and related expenditures in a subsequent 2026 budget amendment, if needed.

j) **AB 9173 - Water Leak Adjustment Policy**

**MOTION:** Adopted Ordinance No. 3139, amending Section 13.24.140 of the Issaquah Municipal Code regarding water leak billing adjustments.

k) **AB 9181 - Department of Revenue Agreement for Business Licensing Services**

**MOTION:** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute an agreement with the Washington State Department of Revenue for Business Licensing Services (BLS).

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

a) **AB 9185 - City Hall Purchase and Sale Agreement**

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by Administrative Services Director Autumn Monahan.

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

**MOTION:** Approve a purchase and sale agreement with DWP LLC to purchase the property known as King County Tax Parcel 2824069326, 1055 NW Maple St., for the amount of \$12,975,000.00 plus closing costs and authorize the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with DWP LLC and other documents necessary to complete the purchase.

<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

**NEW BUSINESS**

a) **ID 1993 - New Business Request: Public Reporting on Immigration Enforcement Activity**

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by Assistant to the City Administrator Dale Markey Crimp.

**It was moved by Councilmember Walsh; seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to:**

**MOTION:** Direct the Administration collect data related to community-reported federal immigration enforcement activity to the public-facing Police Department Monthly Report including how many federal immigration activities were able to be confirmed.

<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

**REGULAR BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

a) **AB 9171 - City Council Vacancy, Position No. 3**

The City Council finalized the following five questions to be asked of the remaining two applicants:

1. Which goal or objective in the Issaquah Strategic Plan do you consider most critical to the success of the city, and why? How would you address this goal or objective?
2. The community says that public safety is important. What do you consider the critical public safety challenges for the city, and how might you hope to address them in your first term on Council?
3. Given that you would be appointed to the council without having run a campaign for a contested seat, how would you go about learning what's important to Issaquah constituents?
4. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing Issaquah, and how would you propose addressing it?
5. If appointed to the Issaquah City Council, what would you uniquely bring to the Council that would make us better?

The questions were asked of the following applicants one at a time in the following order:

1. Donovan Richards
2. Erika Boyd

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:00 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing qualifications of appointment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h). The item was expected to take approximately 15 minutes. The City Council took 5 minutes to move into the meeting room before convening the Executive Session. The Executive Session began at 9:06 PM.

a) **ID 2012 - Executive (Closed) Session: Discuss qualifications of appointment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(h)**

**REGULAR BUSINESS - CONTINUED**

The open session was reconvened at 9:22 PM.

a) **City Council Vacancy, Position No. 3**

The Mayor opened nominations for appointment to City Council Position No. 3.

Councilmember Joe nominated Erika Boyd. Councilmember Walsh seconded.

The nominations were closed.

**MOTION:** Appoint Erika Boyd to City Council Position No. 3.

<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

Mayor Mullet issued the oath of office to Erika Boyd to serve as City Council Position No. 3 through certification of the Nov. 2027 general election

**COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Adair:*

Services, Safety & Parks Committee - April meeting canceled. May meeting moved to May 5.

*Councilmember Joe:*

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - April meeting canceled.  
 Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.  
 Cascade Water Alliance Finance & Intergovernmental Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.  
 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Made report.

*Councilmember Walsh:*

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

*Deputy Council President Jiang:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.  
 King County Regional Homelessness Authority - Made report.  
 King County Flood District Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Council President Marts:*

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.  
 Sound Cities Association Board - Made report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Rainier Trail Dog Park Now Open
- Spring Business Open House Thursday
- Downtown Issaquah Summer Wine & Art Walk Starts Friday
- Sustainability Fair & Farmer's Market Preview Saturday
- Cascade Water Alliance Board

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**It was moved by Councilmember Walsh; seconded by Councilmember Boyd, to:**

**MOTION:** Direct the Mayor and City Administration to place the topic of the Congressional Community Appropriations Grant and the proposed Automated License Plate Reader camera program on the agenda for the Council Committee of the Whole meeting on May 11, 2026, including a full staff briefing and opportunity for Council discussion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried 5-2</b>
<b>IN FAVOR:</b>	Councilmember Adair, Councilmember Boyd, Deputy Council President Jiang, Councilmember Nichols, and Councilmember Walsh
<b>OPPOSED:</b>	Councilmember Joe and Council President Marts

*Mayor Mullet:*  
Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 PM.

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk