

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

7:00 PM  
 May 4, 2026

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 135 E.  
 Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Mayor Mark Mullet, Councilmember Paul Adair, Councilmember Erika Boyd, 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; 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 2003 - Corrections Officers Week Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to Issaquah Jail Commander Casey Allred.

b) **ID 2020 - Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to Rabbi Berry Farkash and Nechama Farkash of the Chabad of Central Cascades.

c) **ID 2015 - Police Week Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to Issaquah Police Commander Travis Neese.

d) **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to members of The Circle and community members, including Alisa Chan-Chow, Laura Ni, Marist Santos, Heather Santos, and Juni Wu.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comment was provided:

- Dave Waggoner, resident, presented the City with new flags for Memorial Day, provided information about the Veterans Day service being held at the Senior Center at 10:00 AM, May 25, and provided updates on recent flag retirement projects.
- Maddie Coats, resident, spoke regarding a new local newspaper, The Issaquah Spotlight, and announced some upcoming community events.
- John Parizek, General Manager of the Hilton Garden Inn and Visit Issaquah Board Chair, made comments regarding tourism and the Visit Issaquah Annual Report (ID 2006).
- John Kunzler, spoke regarding Sound Transit 3 prioritization.

- Atharv Kumaria, Inglewood Middle School Student and Sammamish resident, spoke regarding his non-profit business, Printable Dreams.

**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 (7-0).**

- a) **ID 1966 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of May 4, 2026, \$3,916,926.35**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, March 21**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, April 7**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- d) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, April 20**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- e) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, April 27**

**MOTION:** Approved.

- f) **ID 2006 - Informational Update: 2025 Visit Issaquah Annual Report**

**MOTION:** Received Report.

- g) **ID 2016 - Informational Update: 2025 Sister Cities Commission Annual Report**

**MOTION:** Received Report.

- h) **AB 9179 - Department of Ecology Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant**

**MOTION:** Authorized acceptance of Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Grant funds in the amount of \$120,000 and execution of the grant agreement with the Department of Ecology in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit A), as approved by the City Attorney.

- i) **AB 9180 - Dept. of Ecology Pollution Prevention Assistance (PPA) Partnership (Local Source Control Program Interagency Agreement) Amendment**

**MOTION:** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the amendment to the inter-agency agreement with the Department of Ecology for the Pollution Prevention Assistance Partnership program in substantially the same form as the attached agreement (Exhibit B), as approved by the City Attorney.

j) **AB 9186 - Write-Off Debt for Uncollectible Accounts**

**MOTION:** Approved Resolution No. 2026-10, authorizing the write off of certain uncollectible accounts receivable.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **ID 2018 - Informational Update: Q4 2025 Year End Report**

Finance Director Kristin Garcia provided the presentation.

Councilmembers asked questions and requested:

- Line-item information for expenditures
- Actuals compared to the modified budget rather than the original budget
- Flow charts for operations and capital for enterprise funds and also for general fund

b) **ID 2001 - Public Records & Open Public Meetings Act Training**

City Attorney Rachel Bender Turpin and City Clerk Tisha Gieser presented the training.

c) **AB 9137 - Amendments to Council Rules of Procedure**

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by City Clerk Tisha Gieser.

Councilmember Walsh, Chair, summarized the Council Rules Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation. Comments were also made by other committee members.

The City Council agreed that this item return at the June 1 meeting with amended language to Section 3.11, Confidentiality, to provide a process for Councilmembers to receive a non-confidential version of information upon request. Notice was also provided that an amendment would be requested to Section 4.08, Audience Comments.

## COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

*Councilmember Adair:*

Services, Safety & Parks Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Nichols:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Joe:*

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Greater Issaquah Chamber of Commerce - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Walsh:*

Council Rules of Procedure Ad Hoc Committee - Made report.

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

King County Affordable Housing Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

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*Deputy Council President Jiang:*

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee - Made report.

King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Board - Made report. Appointed to Finance Committee on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.

*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
- Issaquah Rotary Grape Escape
- Sound Transit Executive Board Meeting
- First Farmer's Market of the Year
- Down Home Fourth of July: Issaquah Community Mosaic Creation
- Annual Community Awards
- Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Cameras

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

*Council President Marts:*

Open Government Training - Thanked the City Attorney for the training.

*Councilmembers Walsh and Nichols:*

ALPR Camera Discussion – Clarified that the Council has heard public input. No other decisions have been made at this time. Guardrails could be considered in the future.

*Mayor Mullet:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

The City Council discussed and agreed on holding a City Council retreat on Monday, July 27 at 5:30 PM.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.

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Tisha Gieser, City Clerk