

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM
 May 18, 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; and Hannah Haver, Acting 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 1991 - Recognition of Barbara de Michele

Mayor Mullet provided Barb de Michele a key to the City and recognized her years of volunteer service to the Issaquah Community including her service on the Issaquah City Council.

b) ID 2002 - Recognition of Police Chief Paula Schwan

Mayor Mullet and City Administrator Bobkiewicz recognized Police Chief Paula Schwan and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement. Chief Schwan announced that IPD was recently accredited by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC).

c) ID 2026 - Safe Boating and Paddling Week Proclamation

Mayor Mullet issued the proclamation to US Coast Guard Auxiliarist Dale Vodicka.

d) ID 2028 - Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

Mayor Mullet issued the proclamation to Eastside Fire & Rescue (EFR) Assistant Chief Brian Culp and EFR staff in attendance.

e) ID 2033 - Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Mullet issued the proclamation to Kaylee Jaech, Executive Director and Erin Longchari, Deputy Director of The Garage, A Teen Café.

f) ID 2025 - Presentation by ICMA Army Senior Management Fellow Martha Bowers, Director, Army Civilian Career Management Agency

Martha Bowers provided a brief presentation and answered questions.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Josh Schaer, former Councilmember, made comments recognizing Barb de Michele.
- Sabrie Lika and Charles Kight, representing the US Small Business Administration, shared that they have resources available for residents, businesses and non-profits impacted by the December flooding event.

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 1967 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of May 18, 2026, \$7,484,056.60**

MOTION: Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, May 4, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, May 9, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- d) **ID 2007 - Informational Update: Board and Commission 2026 Workplans**

MOTION: Received Report.

- e) **AB 9189 - PFAS One Time Grant Program and Consultant Contract Amendments**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to approve and execute current and subsequent amendments to the One Time Grant Program Agreements with the Department of Ecology and the grant's implementation contract with Farallon, provided the overall award of the One Time Grant of \$2,000,000 is not exceeded.

- f) **AB 9194 - King County Conservation Futures Interlocal Agreement Amendments 2 & 3**

MOTION: Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 to the King County Conservation Futures Interlocal Agreement which include policy updates to the agreement and reimbursement of funding for the Kelkari III and Hailstone property acquisitions.

- g) **AB 9195 - 2026 Concrete Maintenance (TR054) Project**

MOTION: Awarded the construction contract for the 2026 Concrete Maintenance Project (TR 054-RR26) in the amount of \$755,436.00 (including sales tax) to NPM Construction Co.; and authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the related agreement.

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 9190 - Resolution for Streamlining Sound Transit Light Rail Permits**

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by Deputy City Administrator Andrea Lehner.

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-12, committing to streamline permitting for Sound Transit Light Rail.

RESULT:	Carried 7-0
IN FAVOR:	Councilmember Adair, Councilmember Boyd, Deputy Council President Jiang, Councilmember Joe, Council President Marts, Councilmember Nichols, and Councilmember Walsh
OPPOSED:	None
ABSENT:	None

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

Councilmember Joe:

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Cascade Water Alliance Finance and Intergovernmental Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Walsh:

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board - Made report.

ARCH Council of Elected Officials - Made report.

Deputy Council President Jiang:

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.

King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Board Finance Committee - Made report.

King County Regional Homelessness Authority Governing Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Marts:

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.

Sound Cities Association Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Issaquah Police Department Congressional Community Appropriations Grant
- Public Works Open House
- Sound Transit Board of Directors Meeting
- Memorial Day Services at the Issaquah Senior Center

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Joe:

Asian American & Pacific Islander Event - Thanked the community organizations that put on the event.

Councilmember Boyd:

Issaquah Police Department Ride Along - Shared experience and commended the officers for their professionalism.

Mayor Mullet:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Hannah Haver, Acting City Clerk