

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM
June 1, 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 Cassidy Mueller, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mullet called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. The meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties with the video equipment.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mullet led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) **ID 2014 - Bellevue College 60th Anniversary Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to Dr. David May, President of Bellevue College

b) **ID 2031 - 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet presented the proclamation to Jason Racey and Cheryl Smith of Eastside Pride PNW.

c) **ID 2038 - Recognition of Facilities Maintenance Supervisor Garth Harvey**

Mayor Mullet and Director of Administrative Services Autumn Monahan recognized Maintenance Supervisor Garth Harvey for his 14 years of service leading the City of Issaquah's Facilities Team and his significant contributions to the City of Issaquah.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

The following audience comments were received:

- Robert Rowe, resident, spoke regarding a noise complaint and enforcement of IMC 9.22 – Noise to levy fines for offenses.
- Will Aho, Fire Chief for Eastside Fire and Rescue (EFR), spoke to provide context regarding the EFR Board's current discussions as the City of Issaquah evaluates its future fire service needs.
- Sarah Ryder, resident, spoke regarding the Issaquah Police Department Congressional Community Appropriations Grant, in support of using the grant for tasers and in support of an ordinance regarding Automated License Plate Reader

(ALPR) cameras. She shared a petition with the Council in support of a proposed ordinance.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

The Deputy City Clerk spoke regarding two corrections made to the minutes for the May 11, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting and a typo in AB 9183 – 2025 Water Main Replacement Project (WT 015). The corrected version of the minutes was distributed to the Council in advance of the meeting for review and 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 (7-0).

- a) **ID 1968 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of June 1, 2026, \$7,442,165.70**

MOTION: Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, April 6, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole, May 11, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- d) **AB 9162 - Newport Sewer Relocation (SW 017) Project**

MOTION: Accepted completion of the Newport Sewer Relocation Project (SW 017).

- e) **AB 9183 - 2025 Water Main Replacement (WT 015) Project**

MOTION: Accepted completion of the 2025 Annual Water Main Replacement Project (WT015) and release of the retainage to the contractor.

- f) **AB 9188 - 2026 Board & Commission Extended Recruitment Appointments**

MOTION: Confirmed board and commission appointments as presented in AB 9188.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a) **AB 9135 - 2027-2032 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program**

Introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by Transportation Engineering Manager John Mortenson.

Mayor Mullet opened the public hearing at 7:58 PM.

The following individual spoke regarding the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP):

- Margaret Escobar, resident, spoke regarding dangerous left turns at the intersection of Newport Way SW/W Sunset Way/Mountain Park Blvd SW.

The public hearing was closed at 8:01 PM.

City Council questions and discussion included:

- The process for revising the TIP and reprioritizing projects.
- How projects on the TIP are removed.
- How funding for pedestrian and bicycle ("non-motorized") projects affect their feasibility.
- How non-motorized projects recommended by the City's boards and commissions or requested by residents could be incorporated into the TIP or otherwise prioritized.

It was moved by Councilmember Joe; seconded by Council President Marts, to:

MOTION: Continue the public hearing to the June 15, 2026 City Council meeting.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

a) **AB 9178 - Issaquah Police Department Congressional Community Appropriations Grant**

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-13, authorizing the acceptance of \$452,477.00 in grant funding from the FY26 Discretionary Community Funding Program for the purchase of tasers and interview room equipment for the Issaquah Police Department and restricting any City action related to automated license plate reader technology until after a policy has been approved by the Issaquah City Council; and authorize the inclusion of \$452,477.00 in revenues and related expenditures in a subsequent 2025-26 budget amendment, if needed.

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

b) **ID 2037 - Eastside Fire and Rescue Long-Term Governance and Financing Options**

City Administrator Bobkiewicz introduced the topic.

The City Council discussed the topic and provided feedback to the three Council members serving on the Eastside Fire and Rescue (EFR) Board to inform future votes on behalf of the City at upcoming EFR Board meetings. It was the Council's preference to refrain from designating a preferred option at this time while authorizing EFR to provide education to member agencies' governing bodies on the options under consideration:

- Make no changes to the current model
- Consolidate into a fire district
- Form a regional fire authority (RFA)

c) **AB 9205 - Mid-Budget Request to Add Capital Project Manager - Facilities FTE**

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

MOTION: Authorize the inclusion of an additional Capital Project Manager to the City's 2026 staffing levels.

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

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

A 5-minute recess was called at 9:57 PM. The meeting reconvened at 10:02 PM.

A 2-minute recess was called at 10:08 PM. The meeting reconvened at 10:10 PM.

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

MAIN MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-11, amending various sections of the City Council Rules of Procedure as recommended by the Council Rules Ad Hoc Committee and repealing Resolution No. 2008-15 relating to the policy for Council expenditures; and Adopt Ordinance No. 3140, amending Sections 2.06.110 and 2.06.120 of the Issaquah Municipal Code relating to City Council meetings in order to align them with the City Council Rules of Procedure.

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

AMENDMENT: Amend Section 3.11, Confidentiality, of the Council Rules of Procedure in Resolution No. 2026-11 by adding to the end of the first paragraph:

In doing so, they will identify the law(s) under which the information would be withheld in response to a public records request. Information will be designated confidential only where it would be withheld, in whole or in relevant part, in response to a public records request under Chapter 42.56 RCW, or where it is reasonably likely to become the subject of a specific upcoming executive session or relates to pending or potential litigation.

And adding to the end of the second paragraph:

A Councilmember who questions whether information has been properly designated as confidential or who wishes to know the specific section(s) of the RCW or other law under which information is designated as confidential, or any time limit for such designation, may ask the City Attorney to review the designation and may request a

written explanation and a version that omits only the confidential content so that the remainder may be shared.

RESULT:	Amendment 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

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

AMENDMENT: Amend Section 3.10(A), Virtual (Remote) Attendance, of the Council Rules of Procedure in Resolution No. 2026-11 by striking "Council Leadership" and inserting "the Council President" in the below sentence:

Virtual attendance granted for reasons other than those listed above (medical issue, illness or quarantine, or travel on City business) may not exceed a total of five meetings per year without approval of ~~Council Leadership~~ the Council President to be considered an excused absence.

RESULT:	Amendment 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

It was moved by Council President Marts; seconded by Councilmember Joe, to:

AMENDMENT: Amend Section 4.08(C)(1), Rules for Public Participation, of the Council Rules of Procedure in Resolution No. 2026-11 by striking,

and to set an overall maximum duration for the public comment period. If a maximum duration is set, efforts will be made to ensure there is equal opportunity for individuals to speak in support of and opposition to an issue.

RESULT:	Amendment 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

The following main motion as amended was before the City Council:

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: Approve Resolution No. 2026-11, amending various sections of the City Council Rules of Procedure as recommended by the Council Rules Ad Hoc Committee and repealing Resolution No. 2008-15 relating to the policy for Council expenditures; and Adopt Ordinance No. 3140, amending Sections 2.06.110 and 2.06.120 of the Issaquah Municipal Code relating to City Council meetings in order to align them with the City Council Rules of Procedure as amended.

RESULT:	Main Motion as Amended 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 Boyd

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board of Directors - Announced she was appointed as Issaquah's Alternate Member.

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Transportation Policy Board - Announced she is in the process of becoming a member.

Councilmember Adair

Water Resource Inventory Area 8 (WRIA8) Salmon Recovery Council - Made report, announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Walsh

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board of Directors - Announced upcoming meeting.

A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Council of Elected Officials - Made report.

Councilmember Joe

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - Made report.

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) - Made report.

Cascade Water Alliance (CWA) Board of Directors - Announced upcoming meeting.

CWA Finance and Intergovernmental Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Deputy Council President Jiang

King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Board - Made report.

King County Flood Control Advisory Committee - Made report.

Eastside Transportation Partnership Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Marts

Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee (PIC) - Announced upcoming meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- Announced upcoming events.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councilmember Joe

Memorial Day Celebration - Thanked the Mayor for serving as a keynote speaker and acknowledged other Councilmembers were in attendance.

Informed the Council of his interest in attending the National League of Cities conference.

Mayor Mullet:

Informed the Council that the volunteers who water the flowers around the memorial raised a concern to them at the Memorial Day celebration that they had no access to a water tap, but that the matter has been resolved and they now have access.

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 PM.

T. Cassidy Mueller, Deputy City Clerk