

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Regular Meeting

7:00 PM
June 15, 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 (*Attended Virtually*), 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 2035 - Recognition of Hall of Fame Recipient Fred Nystrom**

Mayor Mullet recognized Fred Nystrom, inductee into the Issaquah Hall of Fame.

b) **ID 2054 - Recognition of Deputy City Administrator Andrea Lehner**

Mayor Mullet and Wally Bobkiewicz recognized Deputy City Administrator Andrea Lehner as she departs the City after 12 years of service to be City Administrator for the neighboring City of Snoqualmie. Snoqualmie Mayor Mayhew made comments and thanked the City for their investment in Ms. Lehner.

c) **ID 2029 - Juneteenth Day Proclamation**

Mayor Mullet issued the proclamation to Annie Hudson-Knight, board member of Onyx Fine Arts Collective & Gallery.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following public comment was provided:

- Dave Waggoner, Providence Point resident, made comments regarding AB 9208 - Declaring Issaquah a Purple Heart City and shared that nineteen purple heart award recipients are listed on the City's Veterans Memorial Monument.

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 Councilmember Joe, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion Carried (7-0).

- a) **ID 1969 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of June 15, 2026, \$6,958,541.77**

MOTION: Approved.

- b) **Minutes: City Council Special Meeting, April 20, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- c) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, May 18, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- d) **Minutes: City Council Committee of the Whole Meeting, June 8, 2026**

MOTION: Approved.

- e) **AB 9206 - Washington State Historical Society Heritage Capital Grant Program Application**

MOTION: Approved Resolution No. 2026-14, supporting the City's application to the Washington State Historical Society's Heritage Capital Grant Program for an HVAC upgrade at the Issaquah Railroad Depot.

- f) **AB 9208 - Declaring Issaquah a Purple Heart City**

MOTION: Approved Resolution No. 2026-15, declaring Issaquah a Purple Heart City.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

The item was introduced by Mayor Mullet and presented by Transportation Engineering Manager John Mortenson.

Mayor Mullet opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

The following individuals made public comments:

- John Girt, South Cove resident, spoke regarding TR028 NW Sammamish Road Non-Motorized Improvement Project and urged the City Council to consider extending the project from 193rd to Sunset Elementary School.
- Landon Halverson, Olde Town resident, urged the City Council to prioritize pedestrian safety at the Front St. and E. Sunset Way intersection.

The public hearing was closed at 7:50 p.m.

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

MOTION: Approve Resolution No. 2026-16, adopting a Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program and directing the same to be filed with the State Secretary of Transportation.

RESULT:	Motion 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

REGULAR BUSINESS – None.

COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

City Administrator Bobkiewicz shared the next steps in the Purple Heart City process following approval of AB 9208 on the Consent Calendar.

Councilmember Boyd:

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

Councilmember Adair:

Services, Safety & Parks Committee - June meeting canceled.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board Financial & Administrative Committee - Made report.

Sound Cities Association (SCA) Public Issues Committee (PIC) - Made report.

Councilmember Nichols:

King County Conservation District Advisory Committee - Made report.

Councilmember Walsh:

Planning, Development & Environment Committee - Made report. Announced upcoming meeting.

Eastside Fire & Rescue Board of Directors - Made report.

A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) Council of Elected Officials - Announced upcoming meeting.

King County Affordable Housing Committee - Announced upcoming meeting.

Councilmember Joe:

Mobility & Infrastructure Committee - June meeting canceled.

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

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

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) - Announced upcoming meeting.

Council President Marts:

Sound Cities Association (SCA) Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

Deputy Council President Jiang:

Eastside Transportation Partnership Board - Made report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the following topics:

- New Police Chief Appointed
- Issaquah Earns National Recognition for Resilience Hub Network
- Juneteenth Celebration at Blakely Hall
- Fenders on Front Street

- E-Bike Try & Apply Event
- Issaquah Spotlight
- King County Transportation Benefit District

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mayor Mullet:

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:17 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and qualifications of an applicant for public employment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g). The item was expected to take approximately 20 minutes, returning to open session at 8:40 PM. No action was anticipated to follow in open session. The session was extended by 50 minutes.

- a) **ID 2039 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)**
- b) **ID 2057 - Executive Session - Qualifications of an Applicant for Public Employment per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)**

ADJOURNMENT

The open meeting reconvened at 9:30 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk