

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH**  
**City Council**  
**Services, Safety & Parks Committee**

6:30 PM  
April 29, 2025

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 135 E.  
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Committee Members:*

Tola Marts, Chair  
Chris Reh  
Barbara de Michele

*Administration/Staff:*

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator  
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Marts called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one spoke at the general public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Minutes of February 25, 2025. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **COM 0122 - Economic Development Metrics**

*Presented by:*

*Jen Davis Hayes, Economic Development Manager*

Following the staff presentation the following members of the public spoke:

1. Chris Reichley, Chair of the Economic Vitality Commission, thanked Jen Davis Hayes for her work as ED Manager, and thanked the Council for their funding of a 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Economic Development, and for their continued support of businesses.
2. Jake Magil, Economic Vitality Commission member, encouraged continued dialog between the City Council and EVC.
3. Jennifer Larson, Economic Vitality Commission member, thanked Jen Davis Hayes for her work, and expressed her appreciation for the economic data that is being collected and how it is being used.

Committee comments included the following:

- Committee members thanked staff for their efforts.
- Members support the idea of building more retail space.
- Retail rents are higher than office space.
- Committee members like the data being collected.
- Better data equals better outcomes.
- Dashboard is useful for observing trends for planning purposes.
- Focus on business retention.
- Metrics help control what can be controlled.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:28 PM.

---

Tola Marts, Chair

---

Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk