

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

6:30 PM  
May 20, 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  
T. Cassidy Mueller, Public Records Analyst

**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 April 29, 2025. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) **COM 0126 - Capital Improvement Plan**

*Presented by:*

*Jennifer Rein, Acting Finance Director*  
*Autumn Monahan, Administrative Services Director*  
*Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director*  
*Gillian Straub, Management Analyst*

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

1. Connie Marsh, resident, spoke regarding the process of adding projects to the CIP that may not be able to be completed due to financial constraints, and concern that adding projects that may involve demolition or renovation of facilities to the CIP may limit future public comment.

Committee comments included the following:

- Agreed with including the proposed projects in the CIP.
- Acknowledged that the funding may not exist to complete all the proposed projects.
- Supported maintenance projects for current facilities and infrastructure.
- Balance projects that directly benefit the public and those that don't.
- Agreed that the Police Station/City Hall projects should be included in the CIP.
- Await the recommendations of the Safety and Civic Facilities Task Force regarding the Police Station/City Hall projects before providing additional feedback.

- b) **COM 0144 - Lake Sammamish State Park Sports Fields**

*Presented by:*

*Jeff Watling, Parks & Community Services Director*

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

1. Kiran Komaravolu - Secretary of the Seattle Youth Cricket League and parent of a student in the Issaquah School District, spoke in favor of Issaquah maintaining the fields and expanding their use to include cricket.
2. Phani Chitneni, resident and Issaquah business owner, spoke in favor of the City maintaining the fields and expanding their use to include cricket.
3. Connie Marsh, resident, spoke regarding financial impacts required to maintain the fields for sports use and sought clarity regarding the process for additional public input if the City worked toward an agreement with the State Parks on the matter.

Committee comments included the following:

- Expressed interest in exploring an agreement with State Parks to maintain the fields.
- Interested in seeing financial projections to ensure it becomes cost-neutral quickly.
- Interested in seeing the fields become multi-use beyond soccer.
- Would like to investigate equity elements regarding uses for the fields.
- Ensure agreement addresses State Parks' responsibility for parking lot maintenance.
- Leased fields will not be brought up to the same standards as City-owned sports fields.
- Interested in exploring whether State Parks would deed the property to the City.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The June 24, 2025 meeting of the Services, Safety, & Parks Committee will be canceled. The next scheduled meeting is July 22, 2025.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:04 PM.

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Tola Marts, Chair

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T. Cassidy Mueller, Deputy City Clerk