

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Special Meeting

7:00 PM
July 27, 2020

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Alternate Meeting Format: On March 6, 2020 the Mayor declared a civil emergency due to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). On March 24, 2020 the Governor issued Proclamation 20-28 prohibiting open public meetings from occurring in person. The proclamation has been extended to Aug. 1, 2020. Due to these factors, the meeting was held using a remote meeting platform.

Councilmembers:

Barbara de Michele
Stacy Goodman
Zach Hall
Victoria Hunt
Tola Marts
Chris Reh
Lindsey Walsh

Administration/Staff:

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator
Jim Haney, City Attorney
Christine Eggers, City Clerk
Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pauly called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Public Comment**

The following individuals provided comments:

- Kyle Woodring, representing Rental Housing Association of Washington, spoke regarding concerns with AB 8013 for landlords.
- Kurt Kreager, Bellevue, spoke against AB 8013, and expressed concern for landlords, including a potential reduction in housing stock.
- Carol Gong, property owner in the Issaquah Highlands, spoke regarding concerns with AB 8013.
- Edmund Witter, representing the King County Bar Association Housing Justice Project, spoke in support of AB 8013 to protect low-income, affordable housing residents in Issaquah.

b) **AB 8013 - Housing Stability: Local Defense Against Evictions**

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by City Administrator Wally Bobkiewicz and City Attorney Jim Haney.

Council President Hunt summarized public comment received on this agenda item.

Following Council discussion:

IT WAS MOVED BY REH, SECONDED BY HUNT, TO:

Refer AB 8013 to a Special Study Session on Aug. 25, 2020 returning to the full Council on or before Sept. 9, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

IT WAS MOVED BY HUNT, SECONDED BY WALSH, TO:

Create an ad hoc committee to review AB 8013 and propose housing stability strategies comprised of Councilmembers de Michele, Hall and Hunt, reporting to the full Council at a Special Study Session on Aug. 25, and returning to the full Council on or before Sept. 9, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

c) ID 0735 - Virtual Meeting Check-In

Introduced by Mayor Pauly and presented by City Clerk Tina Eggers.

The City Council provided the following direction:

- Return to Council with Rules for remote meeting participation and remote meetings.
- Proceed to add in comments after each study session item starting Aug. 11 study session.
- Do not pursue new platform at this time, but continue to evaluate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.

Christine Eggers, City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor