

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Special Meeting**

8:30 AM
January 30, 2021

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 relating to the COVID-19 emergency and open public meetings. The proclamation has been extended. 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
Christine Eggers, City Clerk

PURPOSE

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold a Council-Administration retreat.

RETREAT AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Council President Hunt at approximately 8:30 AM.

- a) **Welcome & Introduction** - Led by: Council President Hunt
- b) **2020 Retrospective** - Led by: Deputy Council President Reh
- c) **Identify Key Initiatives for 2021** - Led by: Council President Hunt
- d) **Working together on Key Initiatives** - Led by: Council President Hunt
- e) **Closing Comments from Council** - Led by: Deputy Council President Reh

Notes from brainstorming

The City Council brainstormed positives and need to improve areas as follows:

Positives

- Quick response to pandemic/budget (1)
- Good 2021 budget process (2)
- Address Police accountability (3)
- City Council worked well together (4)
- Finding ways to keep community engaged
- Good communication

Need to Improve

- Process ambiguity (agenda bills/study sessions) (1)
- Strategic Plan Implementation (2)
- Council Communications (3)
- Council Board and Commission staffing
- Community involvement virtually
- Engagement with Council Members
- Regional relationships
- Quarterly summaries
- Overcorrecting on layoffs

Council Leadership will work on bringing forward items of interest for continued discussion.

- f) **Adjourn**
The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM.

Christine Eggers, City Clerk

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor