

03-08-21 City Council Special Meeting Minutes

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**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Special Meeting**

8:00 PM  
March 8, 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  
Christine Eggers, City Clerk  
Brett Vinson, Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER - OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Pauly called the meeting to order at approximately 8:02 PM.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- a) The purpose of this special meeting was to allow the City Council to recess into Executive Session to discuss pending/potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The meeting was recessed into Executive Session at 8:00 PM. The item was expected to take approximately 45 minutes. The session was extended by 10 minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT - OPEN SESSION**

The open meeting reconvened at 8:57 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

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Christine Eggers, City Clerk

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor



**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
Council Study Session**

6:30 PM  
March 9, 2021

Virtual Meeting

**MINUTES**

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Zach Hall  
Victoria Hunt  
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Chris Reh  
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*Administration/Staff:*

Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator  
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator  
Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

Councilmember Goodman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

a) **Public Comment**

Council President Hunt summarized email comments received on tonight's agenda items.

b) **ID 0853 - Housing Overview**

*Presented by:*

*Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator*

The following public comment was provided:

- Connie Marsh, spoke regarding the presentation and the TOD and encouraged Council to remember that decision-making should consider current residents.

c) **ID 0809 - Countywide Planning Policies and Growth Targets**

*Presented by:*

*Christen Leeson, Senior Planner*

*Rebecca Maskin, King County*

The following public comment was provided:

- Connie Marsh, spoke regarding green field development and financial commitments, encouraged a review of job targets in the next two years and made comments regarding concurrency and metering growth.

City Councilmembers provided feedback, including:

Housing growth targets:

- Reduce growth targets proposed by King County (5,400) to 3,500, the low end of Issaquah's proposed range
- Supportive of using a plug number temporarily, as low of a number as possible (3,500)
- Request for options to better align these targets with the City's planning (Title 18 update, other) and how to provide that alignment
- Growth targets need to be fair and equitable
- Concerns about keeping pace with growth re: concurrency, school infrastructure and transportation, particularly due to potential light rail delay
- Need more information to provide meaningful input on targets

Job's growth targets:

- Need more information to provide meaningful input on targets

d) **Good of the Order** - None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:39 PM.

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Tisha Gieser, Deputy City Clerk

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Barbara de Michele, Designated Chair