

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH  
City Council Regular Meeting**

7:00 PM  
July 24, 2023

**MINUTES**

Council Chambers, 135 E.  
Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT**

*Councilmembers:*

Barbara de Michele  
Zach Hall  
Victoria Hunt  
Russell Joe  
Tola Marts  
Chris Reh  
Lindsey Walsh

*Administration/Staff:*

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor  
Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator  
Andrea Snyder, Deputy City Administrator  
Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney  
Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Pauly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS**

a) **ID 1400 - Recognition of Hall of Fame Recipient Ken Konigsmark**

Mayor Pauly recognized recipient Ken Konigsmark.

b) **ID 1466 - Acknowledgement of LEED for Cities Certification**

Hilari Vernadore, Vice President for Cities at US Green Building Council, made comments and acknowledged the City's recent achievement of LEED® Gold certification.

c) **ID 1254 - Sister Cities Commission - Friendship Day Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly issued the proclamation to Stephanie Angula, Chair, Sister Cities Commission.

d) **ID 1473 - Recognition of Local Students Re: Sister Cities Young Artists and Authors Showcase (YAAS)**

Mayor Pauly recognized students Cora Chase, Adwita Satapathy, and Felicia Qiang.

e) **ID 1379 - National Night out Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly issued the proclamation to Police Chief Paula Schwan.

f) **ID 1439 - Park Ranger Day Proclamation**

Mayor Pauly issued the proclamation to Park Ranger Alex Anderson.

g) **ID 1521 - Presentation by ICMA Army Senior Management Fellow Ken Musselwhite, Garrison Manager of the Army's Yuma Proving Ground**

Ken Musselwhite made a presentation to the City Council.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

The following public comments were provided:

- Brandon Dahl – Asked about volunteer programs and opportunities.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Items listed were distributed to Councilmembers in advance for study and were enacted with one motion.*

**IT WAS MOVED BY WALSH, SECONDED BY HALL; MOTION CARRIED (7-0), TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

- a) **ID 1477 - Accounts: Payables and Payroll of July 24, 2023, \$4,502,271.44;** Approved.
- b) **Minutes: City Council Regular Meeting, April 17, 2023;** Approved.
- c) **ID 1502 - Informational Update: Economic Development Quarterly Report - Q2 2023;** Received Report.
- d) **AB 8454 - Street Standards Update;** Approved Ordinance No. 3029, adopting Street Standards and amending section 12.010 of the Issaquah Municipal Code relating to the same.
- e) **AB 8638 - Solid Waste Contract Amendment re: King County Pass-Through Fees and Contract Dates;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute Amendment #1 to the contract with Recology for Garbage, Recyclables, and Compostables Collection Services, to correct contract dates and allow for rate adjustment due to the King County tipping fee rate restructure.
- f) **AB 8654 - Startup 425 Interlocal Agreement Amendment;** Authorized the Mayor to enter into and execute the Startup 425 addendum (Exhibit A) and Startup 425 ILA amendment (Exhibit B) to help support the creation and expansion of new business on the Eastside.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

a) **ID 1464 - 2024 Budget Topics**

No formal action was requested on this item. City Council comments included:

- Thanked staff for their work.
- Concerns about Arts review in 2024. What is the scope of the budget for that process?
- Appreciated emphasis on full staffing for Police, Corrections, and Dispatch.
- Appreciated responsiveness to survey and dashboard.

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- Community feels loss of the newspaper and the City should fill that need by engaging more.
- Appreciated framing of community goals.
- Appreciated transparency.
- Happy the City is moving forward with Metro Flex.
- Emergency Planning and communication around it need to be a priority.

## COMMITTEE / REGIONAL REPORTS

*Councilmember Joe:*

Cascade Water Alliance Board - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember de Michele:*

Eastside Transportation Partnership - Made report.

*Councilmember Hunt:*

WRIA8 Salmon Recovery Council - Made report.

Kokanee Interlocal Management Group - Announced upcoming meeting.

*Councilmember Reh:*

Mobility and Infrastructure Committee - Made report.

*Councilmember Marts:*

Sound Cities Association Public Issues Committee - Made report.

Services, Safety and Parks Committee - Made report.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

There was no Mayor's report.

## GOOD OF THE ORDER

*Mayor Pauly:*

Upcoming Council Meetings - Announced anticipated agenda items.

*Council President Walsh:*

Employee Recognition Event - Thanked the City, and especially the Public Works department, for putting on a great event.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### a) ID 1501 - Executive Session - Pending/Potential Litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

At 8:57 PM, Council recessed into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). The item was expected to take approximately 45 minutes. The City Council took a five-minute break before convening the Executive Session.

## ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:45 PM. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

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Chris Grabowski, Deputy City Clerk