

**CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Special Meeting**

11:00 AM
January 11, 2025

MINUTES

Council Chambers
135 E. Sunset Way

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Russell Joe, and Council President Lindsey Walsh

Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator; Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

Purpose: The purpose of this special meeting was to allow City Councilmembers to attend the Elected Official 101 event being offered as part of the City Council vacancy process.

SERVING AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL 101

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pauly at approximately 11:00 AM.

The Mayor and City Councilmembers shared information about serving in elected office.

The meeting ended at approximately 12:00 PM.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

Tisha Gieser, City Clerk

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Special Meeting – Middle Housing Walking Tour

1:00 PM
January 11, 2025

Various Locations

MINUTES

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Mary Lou Pauly, Deputy Council President Barbara de Michele, Councilmember Zach Hall, Councilmember Victoria Hunt, Councilmember Russell Joe, Councilmember Tola Marts, Councilmember Chris Reh, and Council President Lindsey Walsh

Excused Absence:

Staff Present: Tisha Gieser, City Clerk; Minnie Dhaliwal, Community Planning & Development Director; Stephen Padua, Planning Manager; Valerie Porter, Associate Planner

Others Present: Jon Ikeda and Melanie Gilbert, Development Commission members

Purpose: The purpose of this tour was to allow the City Council to view the exteriors of various examples of Middle Housing in Issaquah.

MIDDLE HOUSING WALKING TOUR

Meet at Council Chambers
135 E Sunset Way

The meeting convened at approximately 1:00 PM.

STOP 1 – 325 SE Donnelly Lane
Middle Housing Type: Duplex

- Comments and questions included:
- Questions about building height requirements in Olde Town
 - Like shared patio

STOP 2 – 328 SE Clark St
Middle Housing Type: Duplex

- Comments included:
- Like separate walking access to door
 - Nice to see door from road

STOP 3 – 290 SE Bush St
Middle Housing Type: Triplex

- Comments and questions included:
- Parking could be a challenge
 - Consistent with character of neighborhood
 - Similar to housing types found on the east coast
 - Is it possible to incentivize working with existing buildings rather than tearing down and building a new structure?

STOP 4 – 165/185 E Sunset Way

Middle Housing Type: Fourplex

Comments included:

- Like door placement given busy street

STOP 5 – 269 NE Alder St

Middle Housing Type: Duplexes

Comments and questions included:

- Possible to require frontage improvements depending on building size?

STOP 7 – 350 NE Birch

Middle Housing Type: Duplex

Comments and questions included:

- Homeowner shared experience building home and accessory dwelling unit (ADU). Shared water hookup was a challenge. Homeowner recommended ADU doors face the road to better connect with the community. Recommended having process to walk homeowners through.

STOP 6 – 220 1st Ave NE – *This stop was moved to the last stop on the tour.*

Middle Housing Type: Duplex

Comments and questions included:

- Staff asked if the City should require a path separate from the driveway to the door, which impacts impervious surface requirements.
 - Don't necessarily want to require it, but it is important the driveway has enough space to allow for a walkway when a car is parked in the driveway.
- Expressed preference to require porches in neighborhoods beyond Olde Town.

End at Council Chambers

135 E Sunset Way

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:08 PM.

 Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor

 Tisha Gieser, City Clerk