

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
City Council Special Meeting

6:30 PM
 February 9, 2026

MINUTES

Council Chambers, 135 E.
 Sunset Way, Issaquah WA

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION ATTENDANCE

Present: Mayor Mark Mullet, Councilmember Paul Adair, Council President Barbara de Michele (*Attended Virtually*), Councilmember Kelly Jiang, Councilmember Russell Joe, Deputy Council President Tola Marts, Councilmember Kevin Nichols, and Councilmember Lindsey Walsh

Excused Absence:

Staff Present: Wally Bobkiewicz, City Administrator, Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator, Rachel Bender Turpin, City Attorney, and Cassidy Mueller, Deputy City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mullet called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) **Administration's Transportation Priorities**

Presented by:

Mark Mullet, Mayor

Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator

Comments included:

- Consideration of temporary measures to provide greater safety for cyclists and pedestrians now.
- Consideration of project phase timing and order to finish projects more quickly.
- Consideration of the projects on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and how they fit in with the priorities presented.
- How the City's limited transportation project funding could be used toward maximizing impact and improvements throughout the City.

b) **ID 1949 - Pavement Management Program Update**

Presented by:

Bennett Ashbaugh, Streets Manager

Comments included:

- Request more information from staff regarding costs associated with each type of maintenance method and which roads have been identified as reconstruction projects.
- Request for a Council tour of roads after the next Pavement Condition Index (PCI) report is received.
- How to provide greater education and outreach to residents about road maintenance in their areas.
- Consideration of maintenance funding and projects occurring that are not part of the Pavement Management Program (PMP).
- How to maximize the budget by utilizing the various maintenance methods presented.

- Request for staff to provide information regarding which road maintenance projects are delayed due to budget vs. conflicting projects.
- Consideration for budget, equity, and location for whether/which roads should be designated as requiring a higher aesthetic than others.

c) **ID 1951 - MetroFlex/Micro Transit Performance Expectations**

Presented by:

Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator

Comments included:

- Discussion regarding details of micro transit services and options available.
- Request for aggressive outreach to residents about current MetroFlex services.
- Consideration of average micro transit per-trip costs of ridership compared to other transit per-trip costs.
- Consideration of equity, wait times, and predictability of rides during future discussions.
- Whether and how greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction calculations are considered during future discussions.
- Desire to hear about neighboring municipalities' experiences with micro transit.
- Considering outreach to City of Sammamish to determine interest in a MetroFlex partnership.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Cassidy Mueller, Deputy City Clerk