

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Economic Vitality Commission

6:00 PM
 September 17, 2025

MINUTES

Tibbetts Manor, 750 17th Ave.
 NW, Issaquah

COMMISSION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Commissioners:

Chris Reichley, Chair
 Kymberly Lee, Vice Chair (Excused)
 Robert Lerch
 Jake Magill
 Jennifer Larson
 Anuradha Tanepalli (Virtual)
 Shalini Bansal
 Barb Pexa (Excused)
 Kelly Richardson

Administration/Staff:

Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator
 Alexis Fitzsimmons, Economic Development
 & Housing Manager
 Jack Pedlow, Economic Development
 Coordinator

Maciej Stanski, Alternate (Excused)
 Don Crowe, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR REICHLEY called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of July 16, 2025 and August 11, 2025

Both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Alexis Fitzsimmons Welcome and Introductions**

Presented by:

All

Alexis Fitzsimmons gave an introduction and let the EVC know she is excited to work alongside them.

- b) **World Cup 2026 Updates and Discussion**

Presented by:

Jack Pedlow, Economic Development Coordinator

World Cup updates, primarily upcoming timelines from FIFA, were presented by Jack Pedlow

c) **City of Issaquah Updates (Metroflex, Homegrown Retail, Startup425 Accelerator, & I-90 Crossing)**

Presented by:

Andrea Lehner, Deputy City Administrator

The updates were given by Andrea Lehner and Jack Pedlow.

REPORTS

a) **Industry Trends, Business Openings & Closures (D)**

Presented by:

All Commissioners

There's a new women's clothing business, Ambizz Flare, in Issaquah
 The Sand Garden is a new sandbox play area in Issaquah
 There's a new men's clothing business replacing the Recology location
 A noticed trend in banking is an influx of online and phone fraud

b) **City Council Report Out (I)**

[City of Issaquah City Council 2025 Motion Sheets](#)

There was no City Council business reported out

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 15, 2025.

INQUIRIES

Please contact Jack Pedlow at 425-837-3424 or jack.pedlow@issaquahwa.gov.
