

CITY OF ISSAQUAH
Economic Vitality Commission

6:00 PM
 October 15, 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 (Excused)
 Shalini Bansal (Excused)
 Barb Pexa
 Kelly Richardson

Administration/Staff:

Alexis Fitzsimmons, Economic Development
 & Housing Manager
 Jack Pedlow, Economic Development
 Coordinator

Maciej Stanski, Alternate (Unexcused)
 Don Crowe, Alternate

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR REICHLEY called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes of September 17, 2025

The minutes of September 17, 2025 were unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment for this meeting

AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **SeaTac International Airport - Value Discussion**

Presented by:

Alexis Fitzsimmons, Economic Development & Housing Manager
Jack Pedlow, Economic Development Coordinator

The discussion centered around the SeaTac SAMP (Sustainable Airport Master Plan) and the value of SeaTac Airport to the City of Issaquah.

- b) **Home-Grown Retail 2025 Summary and 2026 Process Improvements**

Presented by:

Jack Pedlow, Economic Development Coordinator

The Home-Grown Retail program has been perceived as a success. The EVC is aligned with continuing the program for the 2026 Issaquah Farmer's Market season with goals of process improvements to assist new vendors.

World Cup Update - City of Issaquah Role Update

Presented by:

Alexis Fitzsimmons, Economic Development & Housing Manager

The EVC believes it is important to continue to support local businesses during the World Cup and wants to be cautious of events that may divert the community and tourists away from local businesses.

REPORTS

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

Presented by:

All Commissioners

Berna's Bakery opened in Gilman Village

Zushi Sushi announced their permanent closure

Northwest Pottery has doubled their space to 3,000 square feet

The new Pilates studio in the Highlands has been busy

b) **City Council Report Out**

[2025 City Council Motion Sheets](#)

The Public Safety Sales Tax passed

The tree code update passed

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 19, 2025.

INQUIRIES

Please contact the Economic Development staff at ED@issaquahwa.gov.

Note: Times listed for meetings topics are approximate and items are subject to change.