



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Ross called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

City Council: Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Bryan Holloway, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Christensen to:

Excuse CM Wotton from this evening's meeting.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff Present: Kim Pratt, Acting City Attorney; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Jeff Hamlin, Acting City Administrator/Parks & Public Works Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Emily Artech, Community Development Director; Gary Horejsi, Police Captain; Chris Brown, Deputy Fire Chief; Mona Davis, Senior Planner; Jacob Fouts, Fire Captain; Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support; and numerous members of the fire department. Fire Chief Bailey arrived at 7:32 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The pledge of allegiance was led by CM Benson.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by CM Washington; seconded by CM Holloway to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Appointments

1. Firefighter Badge Pinning and Introduction of New Volunteer EMT's. Deputy Chief Brown introduced career firefighters Jack Owens and Damian Ramos and volunteer EMT/firefighters Aliza Davids, Shannon Outzs, William Sirski, and Hayley West and spoke to their experience and qualifications. Badge pinning performed by family members. Helmets were presented by Mayor Ross. Photos followed.
2. **AB24-123:** City Attorney Appointment and Oath of Office. Mayor Ross introduced City Attorney Dena Burke and spoke regarding her experience and qualifications.

It was moved by CM Washington; seconded by CM Christensen to:

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Dena Burke as City Attorney.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

City Clerk Dean administered the Oath of Office. Counsel Burke briefly spoke. Photos followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated November 12, 2024.
4. Approve the Claims Report dated November 25, 2024
5. **AB24-125:** Interlocal Agreement Renewal with Issaquah Jail.
6. **AB24-119:** Adoption of the 2024-2029 King County Flood Management Plan and City of Snoqualmie Jurisdiction Annexation (removed from consent agenda).

It was moved by CM Johnson; seconded by CM Holloway to:

Approve the consent agenda as amended.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

It was moved by CM Holloway to remove AB24-119 from the consent agenda.

AB24-119: Adoption of the 2024-2029 King County Flood Management Plan and City of Snoqualmie Jurisdiction Annexation. Introduction read into the record by CM Washington. Discussion followed with Community Development Director Emily Arteche and Acting City Attorney Kim Pratt answering Council questions.

It was moved by CM Washington; seconded by CM Holloway to:

Approve Resolution 1700 for the 2024-2029 King County Flood Management Plan.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

ORDINANCES

7. **AB24-105:** Certifying an Increase in Property Taxes. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Council questions answered by Budget Manager Janna Walker and Acting City Attorney Kim Pratt.

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Washington to:

Adopt Ordinance 1299 certifying an increase in the regular property tax revenue for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, on all property both real and personal in the City of Snoqualmie which is subject to taxation for the purpose of paying sufficient revenue to carry on the departments of the City for the ensuing year; and providing for severability and an effective date.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

8. **AB24-106:** 2025 Property Tax Levy. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway.

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Washington to:

Adopt Ordinance 1298 Levying Regular Property Taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025, on all property both real and personal in the City of Snoqualmie which is subject to taxation for the purpose of providing sufficient revenue to cover departmental operations of the City for the ensuing year; and providing for severability and an effective date.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

9. **AB24-107:** 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Amendment. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Presentation by Budget Manager Janna Walker. Council questions followed. This is the first reading of Ordinance 1300. The second reading and proposed adoption will be at the December 9, 2024, City Council meeting.

10. **AB24-096:** Transportation Impact Fees. Introduction read into the record by CM Washington.

It was moved by CM Washington, seconded by CM Johnson:

To substitute definition in 20.09.020 (N) to add “which is currently the Non-Utility Capital Fund” after “Transportation Impact Fees are collected,” and in 20.09.040, add “the General Fund” after “The administrative fee shall be deposited into.”

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

Community Development Director Arteche introduced Chris Breiland from Fehr & Peers. Presentation and discussion followed. This is the first reading of Ordinance 1301. A Public Hearing, second reading of the ordinance, and proposed adoption will be at the December 9, 2024, City Council meeting.

11. **AB24-098:** Adoption of Comprehensive Plan 2044. Introduction read into the record by CM Washington. Community Development Director Arteche answered Council questions.

This is the first reading of Ordinance 1302. A Public Hearing, second reading of the ordinance, and proposed adoption will be at the December 9, 2024, City Council meeting.

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Johnson to:

Return this item to the December 2, 2024, Community Development Committee meeting and Council meeting on December 9, 2024.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

12. Fire 3rd Quarter 2024 Accreditation Report. This was included in the agenda packet and was for informational purposes only.

Community Development Committee: There was no report.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

13. **AB24-124:** Land Acquisition for Reclaimed Water System Improvements. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Council questions answered by Project Engineer Andrew Vining.

It was moved by CM Benson, seconded by CM Washington to:

Approve a Purchase and Sale Agreement with CF Arcis VII, LLC, with a total contract value of up to \$332,000.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Johnson to:

Substitute the draft purchase and sale agreement in the agenda packet with the updated draft handed out to Council this evening.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

Finance & Administration Committee:

14. **AB24-121:** RiverTrail Property Acquisition. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Additional information provided by Community Development Director Emily Arteche.

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Christensen to:

Adopt Resolution 1701 approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Parcel No. 784920-0025 and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

Committee of the Whole:

15. 2025 Legislative Priorities. CM Holloway led the discussion which included the potential for two meetings with legislators consisting of three councilmembers and the Mayor; one on December 9th and one on December 17th. CM Holloway will incorporate feedback from the committees and update the legislative priorities.

REPORTS

16. Mayor's Report:

- An Emergency Proclamation was issued on November 20, 2024, and Council will be asked to ratify the proclamation at the next Council meeting. Staff did an outstanding job in the aftermath of the November 19, 2024, bomb cyclone.
- The CA Carey litigation is complete and fees have been paid.
- Several Tribe properties have gone into reservation and police and fire services have continued to be provided to the Tribe. Two of the three meetings to discuss fee for services have been cancelled and one conversation with the Tribe will happen on December 4th regarding fee for service regarding police and fire service.

17. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports: There were no reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

At 8:52 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 9:30 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

At 9:30 pm, Mayor Ross extended Executive Session to 9:40 pm.

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The regular meeting reconvened at 10:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Washington to adjourn the meeting which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

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