



## CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 12, 2025

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### ROUNDTABLE MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ross called the Roundtable Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**City Council:** Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Cotton to excuse CM Washington from this evening's meetings which passed unanimously.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff:** Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; and Brian Mainstone, IT Support.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** - It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Christensen to approve the agenda which passed unanimously.

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Petition for Vacation of Certain Right-of-Way. Introduction by Mayor Ross.

It was moved by CM Christensen, seconded by CM Wotton, to enter into 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 6:04 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 6:20 pm. Recording of the meeting paused.

Council reconvened at 6:20 pm and recording of the meeting resumed at 6:23 pm. There was no further discussion on this matter.

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

**Deny the vacation.**

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

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

**Direct staff to seek appraisal of property to look at purchasing options.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved by CM Johnson, seconded by CM Holloway to adjourn the roundtable which passed unanimously. The roundtable meeting ended at 6:30 pm.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

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

**City Council:** Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson. CM Washington's presence was excused.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff:** Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Mona Davis, Community & Economic Development Director; Phil Bennett, Deputy Parks & Public Works Director; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; and Brian Mainstone, IT Support.

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

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**Approve the agenda as amended.**

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

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

**Add Appointment to the Parks & Events Commission after Appointment to the Economic Development Commission.**

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

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **Appointments**

2. Ceremonial Oath of Office: Community Development/Economic Development Director Mona Davis. Director Davis was administered the Oath of Office previously and read the Oath into the record. Photos followed.
3. **AB25-061:** Appointment to the Economic Development Commission. This item was introduced by Mayor Ross. Gary Skiba was present remotely and addressed Council.

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

**Confirm the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Gary Skiba to the Economic Development Commission.**

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

**ADD ON AB25-062:** Appointment to the Parks & Events Commission. This item was introduced by Mayor Ross.

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

**Confirm the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Hadley Evarts to the Parks & Events Commission.**

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

#### **Proclamations**

4. **25-08:** Affordable Housing Week. Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Ross.
5. **25-09:** National Police Week. Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Ross. Interim Chief Horejsi addressed Council.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- Kate Leen from North Bend spoke regarding water watchers and water safety.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

6. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2025.
7. Approve the Claims Report dated May 12, 2025.
8. **AB25-057:** Microsoft Office 365 Renewal.
9. **AB25-060:** Snoqualmie Watershed Forum Interlocal Agreement Renewal.

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

**Approve the consent agenda.**

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

#### **ORDINANCES**

10. **AB25-003:** Amending Utility Rates for Years 2025-2030. This was the third reading of Ordinance 1303. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson.

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

**Approve Ordinance 1303 amending City of Snoqualmie Utility Rates for the years of 2025-2030.**

PASSED: 5-1 (Benson, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson) (Nay: Wotton)

11. **AB25-035:** Ordinance Amending SMC Titles 17.20 and 17.37. Introduction read into the record by CM Johnson. This is the first reading of Ordinance 1306. Additional information provided by CD/ED Director Mona Davis. Discussion followed. Second reading and proposed adoption is scheduled for the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety Committee:** There was no report.

**Community Development Committee:** There was no report.

### **Parks & Public Works Committee:**

12. Puget Sound Energy Up and Go Program. Puget Sound Energy's presentation from the May 6, 2025, Parks & Public Works Committee meeting was provided in today's agenda packet. This item was informational only.

### **Finance & Administration Committee:**

13. Future Standing Roundtables. Discussion was led by City Attorney Burke. Council comments followed. Future 6:00 pm Roundtable meetings will be used for Executive Sessions.

**Committee of the Whole:** There was no report.

## **REPORTS**

### **14. Mayor's Report:**

- A Community Survey will be going out in the next week or so. Several questions were added for the strategic plan and one for the community center expansion.
- Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meeting in North Bend on May 28, 2025.
- Splashpad grand opening is June 6, 2025, from 2-4pm.
- Please complete the Doodle poll for Council Retreat in August.
- Major traffic issues with I-90 interchange with entire area under I-90 overpass to be closed beginning May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>. Residents are encouraged to avoid the area.

### **15. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:** There were no reports.

### **16. Department Reports for the month of April 2025.** Highlights provided by City Administrator Mike Chambless.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

17. Two Executive Sessions pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to potential litigation.

At 7:43 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 8:50 pm. Recording of the meeting paused.

At 8:50 pm, City Administrator Chambless announced outside Council Chambers that Executive Session was extended to 9:15 pm.

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At 9:30 pm, Council reconvened and recording of the meeting resumed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by CM Johnson, seconded by CM Wotton to  
**Adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk

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