



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2025

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

City Council: Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Louis Washington (remote), Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff Present: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Chris Brown, Deputy Fire Chief; Gary Horejsi, Acting Police Chief/Police Captain; Andrew Vining, Project Engineer; Michael Liebetau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Kim Johnson, HR Manager; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; Gretchen Garrett, Deputy City Clerk/Legal Assistant; and Jimmie Betts, 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 Christensen to:

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 7-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Appointments

1. **Fire Department Badge Pinning Ceremony.** Chief Bailey introduced new firefighters Martha Duddles and Scott Loehndorf. Mayor Ross presented each of the firefighters with their helmets. Badge pinning for FF Duddles performed by Jonas Smith and badge pinning for FF Loehndorf performed by Scott's father. Photos followed.
2. **AB25-027:** Appointment to the Arts Commission. Introduction read into the record by Mayor Ross.

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

Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Nicole Cullen to the Arts Commission.

PASSED: 7-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

Proclamation

3. Proclamation No. 25-02, Twin Peaks Day. Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Ross. Karl Reinsch and Dorie Ross accepted the proclamation. Photos followed and Karl said a few words.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 27, 2025.
5. Approve the Claims Report dated February 10, 2025.
6. **AB25-024:** Termination of Snoqualmie Ridge Water System Developer Extension Agreement.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

PASSED: 7-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

ORDINANCES

7. **AB25-025:** City Hall Hours. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Discussion followed. This is the first reading of Ordinance 1304. Second reading and proposed adoption is scheduled for the February 24, 2025, City Council meeting.
8. **AB25-026:** Code Enforcement and Nuisance Abatement Cost Recoupment and Process Clarifications. Introduction read into the record by CM Washington. Discussion followed. This is the first reading of Ordinance 1305. Second reading and proposed adoption is scheduled for the February 24, 2025, City Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: There was no report.

Community Development Committee: CM Washington provided an update on the Affordable Housing RFQ.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

7. **AB25-023:** Resolution accepting a loan from the Department of Ecology. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Discussion led by Project Engineer Andrew Vining.

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

Approve Resolution 1707 accepting a loan from the Department of Ecology.

PASSED: 7-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

Finance & Administration Committee: There was no report.

Committee of the Whole: There was no report.

REPORTS

8. Mayor's Report:
 - The American Public Works Association has awarded the Snoqualmie Parkway Repaving Project the WAPA/APWA-WA Best City Paving Project Award. Congratulations to Parks & Public Works and Transportation Engineer/Project Manager Hind Ahmed.
 - An update was provided on the Snoqualmie Parkway transfer to WSDOT.
 - Thursday February 13, 2025, will be declared Commander Michael Pollina Day. Commander Pollina is a U.S. Navy Veteran and Commander of American Legion Post 79 of Snoqualmie.
 - Congratulations to King County Search and Rescue on their 60th Anniversary this Thursday February 13, 2025.
9. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:
 - CM Wotton spent time with Snoqualmie Fire at the station and shadowing calls and encouraged other councilmembers to do the same.
10. Department Reports. City Administrator Chambless reviewed Department Reports for January 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

At 7:35 pm, Council took a 5-minute break and went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 8:00 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk