



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 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: Dena Burke, City Attorney; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Gary Horejsi, Police Captain; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Nicole Wiebe (remote), Community Liaison; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Wotton to:
Approve the agenda as amended.

It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Christensen to:
After introduction of police chaplain, add re-appointment of Joelle Gibson to the Economic Development Commission.

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

It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Johnson to:
Add North Bend ILA discussion to Public Safety Committee Report.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearings

1. **AB25-003: 2025-2030 Utility Rate Adjustment**
Mayor Ross opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm.
Public comments received by:
 - Jim Mayhew of Snoqualmie.
 - James Rimmer of Snoqualmie Mill Ventures.Mayor Ross closed the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

Appointments

2. Ceremonial Oath of Office: Police Officer Wyatt Schannauer. Introduction made by Chief Lynch. The oath of office was previously administered. Officer Schannauer read the oath into the record. Photos followed.
3. Introduction of Police Chaplain Pat Hammon. Introduction made by Chief Lynch. Photos followed.

ADD ON

Appointment to Economic Development Commission.

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

Confirm the re-appointment of Joelle Gibson to the Economic Development Commission, Position #3.

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

4. **AB25-007:** 2025 Mayor Pro Tem Election. Introduction made by Mayor Ross.

CM Christensen nominated CM Holloway to serve as 2025 Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by CM Benson. CM Holloway accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. CM Holloway provided a statement on his interest in serving.

Motion to appoint CM Holloway as Mayor Pro Tem for 2025.

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

5. **AB25-008:** Council Liaison Appointments. Introduction by Mayor Ross with CM Holloway making a recommendation for liaison assignments. Discussion followed.

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

Approve council committee and liaison appointments as discussed.

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

Proclamations

6. National Mentoring Month. Mayor Ross read Proclamation 25-01, National Mentoring Month into the record. Present on behalf of Empower Youth Network were Youth Success Mentoring Coordinator Kathy Hyland and Mentoring Volunteer Tom Crawford who each spoke to Council.

CM Washington left the meeting at 7:32 pm.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated December 9, 2024, and December 19, 2024.
8. Approve the Claims Report dated December 9, 2024.
9. **AB24-120:** Interlocal Agreement Renewal with King County for Jail Services.
10. **AB25-004:** Interlocal Agreement for Fire Garage Consortium.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

11. **AB24-096:** Transportation Impact Fee Program. Introduction read into the record by CM Johnson. This is the third reading of Ordinance 1301.

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

Approve Ordinance 1301 amending the Snoqualmie Municipal Code to add Title 20.09 Transportation Impact Fees and associated Rate Study.

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

12. **AB25-003:** 2025-2030 Utility Rate Adjustment. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Discussion led by CIP Manager Dylan Gamble. Council comments and questions followed. Presentation by Sergey Tarasov (remote) of FCS Group. Topics covered included background, overview of rate setting process, revenue requirement summary, cost of service summary, rate design summary, rate design impacts, follow-up discussion, additional scenario considerations, scenario summary – revenue requirement, scenario summary – cost of service phase in, scenario summary – residential & multi-family, scenario summary – commercial low & high, past average rate increases – residential & multi-family, past average rate increases – commercial low & high, and next steps. Additional information provided by Finance Director Drew Bouta.

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

Return to Committee for further discussion and ideas.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

13. **AB25-005:** Snoqualmie Fire Department 2025-2030 Strategic Plan. Introduction read into the record by CM Wotton. Presentation by Fire Chief Bailey. Council comments followed.

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

Approve Resolution 1704 adopting the City of Snoqualmie Fire Department 2025-2030 Strategic Plan and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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

14. **AB25-002:** Amendment to the 2019 North Bend Interlocal Agreement for Police Services. Introduction and discussion led by City Administrator Mike Chambless. This item will be heard at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

Community Development Committee: There was no report.

Parks & Public Works Committee: There was no report.

Finance & Administration Committee:

15. **AB25-006:** Council 2025 Meeting Calendar. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway.

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

Cancel the August 25, 2025, and December 22, 2025, City Council regular meetings and August 18th and 19th, 2025, and December 15th and 16th, 2025, Council Committee meetings.

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

Committee of the Whole: There was no report.

REPORTS

16. Mayor’s Report:

- Happy New Year.
- Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meets next Wednesday January 22nd hosted by the City of Carnation and Councilmembers are encouraged to attend.
- Legislative session started today and weekly recaps are provided by Association of Washington Cities which has City Action Calls on Fridays.
- Please contact our legislators so they can continue to review our Legislative Priorities as they move through the sessions.
- A new Council photo will be taken next Council meeting. Councilmembers are asked to arrive at 6:45 pm.

17. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Christensen provided updates on the YMCA including their Annual Fund Drive, membership statistics and events.

18. Department Reports for December 2024. City Administrator Mike Chambless provided a summary of the department reports.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. Executive Session was stricken.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk