



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 09, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Mayhew called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

City Council: Councilmembers Robert Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, Daniel Murphy, and Mayor Pro Tem Jolyon Johnson.

City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Mona Davis, Community and Economic Director; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks and Public Works Director; Kim Johnson, HR Director; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the amended agenda

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

It was moved by CM Johnson; Seconded by CM Wotton:

Change the date on the minutes dated January 21, 2026 to January 26, 2026.

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

It was moved by CM Johnson; Seconded by CM Christensen to:

Amend the agenda to include the following items for an Executive / Closed Session:

8. Executive Session for under RCW 42.30.110(i) potential litigation and RCW 42.30.110
9. Executive Session under RCW 42.30.110(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.
10. Closed session under RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) the governing body is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress. With no planned action to follow.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Mayhew welcomed temporary staff member Rebecca Solem, Executive Assistant.

Proclamations

1. Proclamation 26-02 Twin Peaks Day – the Mayor read the proclamation and then signed the proclamation. The proclamation was presented to members of the Twin Peaks fan group.
2. Proclamation 26-03 Black History Month – the Mayor read the proclamation and signed it. A video of Martin Luther King Jr's. speech was shown.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 26, 2026.
4. Approve the Claims Report dated February 09, 2026.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: CM Wotton spoke on speed cameras in school zones. He let Council know this would be a topic the Committee would continue to explore with the administration and the police department.

Community Development Committee: CM Washington informed Council on the Committee's discussion around affordable housing and bringing in an expert on affordable housing to speak to the Committee. He also let Council know the Committee discussed the City's Community Development personnel and liked the direction of the conversation. Staff will work on bringing more information back to the Committee.

Parks & Public Works Committee: CM Cotton spoke about the first couple of meetings and having previous agenda items back on the agenda for future meetings.

Finance & Administration Committee:

5. **Discussion:** Open Public Meeting Act – City Attorney Burke led the discussion. She presented slides and went over what the act covers. She discussed how it is applied to our City Council. Councilmembers, along with the Mayor, joined the discussion and asked questions.

CM Johnson spoke on the discussion the Committee had on AB25-106, an Ordinance regarding the City's Financial Management Policies. The administration will be taking this agenda bill back and making the necessary corrections. He also spoke on the Committee's intent on bringing back the Strategic Plan. Lastly, CM Johnson spoke on the Council retreat planning.

Committee of the Whole: There was no report.

REPORTS

6. Mayor's Report included:
 - Community Events: Cops and Cones & Cops and Hops
 - First coffee with Mayor
 - Discussing our first Town Hall
 - Met with Representative Kim Schrier
 - Monthly meeting with King County Councilmember Sarah Perry
 - Meetings with North Bend Mayor, Mary Miller
 - Multiple planning meetings around Community Development's staffing and work plan
 - Started Compact Mitigation meetings with the Tribe
 - Meeting with employee groups within the City. Emphasizing collaboration and transparency
 - Southeast Area Legislative Transportation Committee
7. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports: CM Cotton spoke on the enthusiasm from new commissioners from the various commissions. She also spoke about the downtown merchant's concern about loss of businesses. She also spoke about the excitement around the train running again. Kudos were given to the staff that promoted the Snoqualmie Valley Wedding Guide. Lastly, she spoke about starting the EMAC meetings. CM Johnson informed Council the next LTAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 5:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION

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Council went into Executive/Closed session at 7:58 pm and expected to be in session until 8:30 pm.

At 8:30 pm it was announced that the Executive/Closed session would be extended until 8:45 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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James Mayhew, Mayor

Attest:

Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk

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