



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### July 10, 2023

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

**City Council:**

Mayor Katherine Ross, Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, James Mayhew, Louis Washington, Cara Christensen, and Jolyon Johnson were present.

**City Staff:**

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Jen Ferguson, Finance and HR Director (remote); Deana Dean, City Clerk; Hind Ahmed, Project Engineer; Andrew Vining, Project Engineer; Brian Lynch, Police Captain; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Emily Arteché, Community Development Director (remote); Drew Bouta, Budget Manager; Joseph Spears, Police Officer; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst (remote); Michael Liebetrau, Police Records and Evidence Technician; Mike Bailey, Interim Fire Chief; Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**Approve the agenda as amended.**

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

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

**Revise the agenda, item #1, to read move to approve the appointment of Brian Lynch as the City of Snoqualmie Interim Police Chief.**

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

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

1. **AB23-093:** Interim Police Chief Appointment. Summary read into the record by CM Holloway. Interim Chief Lynch spoke to Council and thanked them for their support.

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

**Appoint Brian Lynch as the City of Snoqualmie Interim Police Chief.**

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

2. Swearing In Ceremony – Police Officer Joseph Spears. Interim Chief Lynch introduced Officer Spears and spoke to his education and experience. Mayor Ross administered the Oath of Office.
3. Fire Lieutenant Badge Pinning: Interim Fire Chief Mike Bailey introduced Ben Parker in his promotion to Lieutenant. Badge pinning performed by Kristina Parker.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated June 26, 2023.
4. Approve the Claims Approval Report dated July 10, 2023.

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

**Approve the consent agenda.**

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

CM Mayhew noted he had raised questions regarding the claims approval report and was pleased with staff's thorough response.

**ORDINANCES – None.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Development Committee:** No report.

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Parks & Public Works Committee:**

5. **AB23-091:** ICON Materials Amendment #1 - 2023 Overlay Project. Summary and motion read into the record by CM Holloway. Project Engineer Hind Ahmed was present to answer questions.

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

**Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Public Works Contract with ICON Materials, Inc. for the 2023 Overlay Project.**

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

6. **AB23-092:** Resolution No. 1651 to Adopt the Water System Plan and Water Use Efficiency Goals. Summary and motion read into the record by CM Holloway. Project Engineer Andrew Vining and Zach Schrempp from RH2 were present to answer questions.

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

**Approve Resolution No. 1651 adopting the Water System Plan and authorize final submittal to agencies.**

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

**Finance & Administration Committee:** No report.

**Committee of the Whole:** No report.

## **REPORTS**

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

- Thank you to Snoqualmie Ridge ROA and Church on the Ridge for fun Fourth of July activities. Also, thank you to police, fire, parks & public works staff for helping with events and for the high level of service they provide to our community.
- Special thanks went out to the urban forestry group.
- Conversation with Council is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm before the Music in the Park event.
- Next week, the Mayor and CM Wotton will be presenting for the jurisdiction transfer to WSDOT.
- A special workshop with legislators is going to be planned in the fall to discuss issues in Snoqualmie and council legislative priorities for when they return to session in January 2024.
- Congratulations to Snoqualmie resident Joe Waskom who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the USA Track and Field Outdoor Championships at Hayward Field at the University of Oregon over the weekend.

### **13. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:**

- CM Washington provided an update on the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum.
- CM Holloway commented on agenda bill etiquette and proposed a discussion with P&PW on concussion protocols when organizations use our facilities.
- CM Wotton provided updates on Meadowbrook Farm Preservation, Snoqualmie Valley Housing Task Force, Housing Chat, Sno Valley Innovation Center, and Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee.
- CM Christensen provided an update on the SCA PIC Committee.

### **14. Department Reports:**

- June 2023 Department Reports were reviewed by Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator. CM Mayhew commented on delayed audits by the State Auditor's Office. Budget Manager Drew Bouta responded to CM Mayhew's comments. CM Johnson and Jen Ferguson, Finance & HR Director, also commented on this issue.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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 lasting approximately 20 minutes.

Mayor Ross stated possible action would occur following Executive Session which was expected to end at 8:15 pm.

Executive Session commenced at 7:53 pm.

At 8:15 pm, Council extended Executive Session to 8:25 pm.

At 8:25 pm, Council extended Executive Session to 8:35 pm

At 8:37 pm, Council resumed open session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Adjourn the meeting.**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk