



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 09, 2026

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

City Council: Councilmembers Bryan Holloway, Robert Wotton, 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; Hind Ahmed, Project Engineer; Kim Johnson, HR Director; and Andrew Jongerkryg, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by CM Johnson; seconded by CM Holloway to:
Approve the agenda

It was moved by CM Cotton; seconded by CM Christensen to:
To amend the agenda to add a discussion item to Committee of the Whole on resolution 1542 rules & procedure of the city council 5,6,7.

CM Johnson led the discussion and asked if there would need to be an executive session. CM Holloway asked if this would come under finance and Administration or Committee of the Whole. CM Holloway asked what would be discussed under these bullet. CM Wotton clarified what would be covered.

Motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion item to Committee of the Whole on resolution 1542 rules & procedure of the city council 5,6,7.

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

It was moved by CM Johnson; seconded by CM Cotton to:
Add recognition of service under proclamations, following the presentation by the States Auditor's Office.

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

Motion to approve the agenda as amended

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

1. **Presentation By State Auditor's Office**– Director Bouta led the discussion. Haji Admas, Audit manager introduced himself and handed over the presentation to Zach Shelton. Mr. Shelton went over the Audit findings. June Li spoke to the closing of the report. Ms. Li also went over services available to local governments. The Mayor joined the discussion. Director Bouta gave closing remarks.
2. **Service Recognition Award** – The Mayor read the plaque that was presented to CM Christensen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Edie Gomez of Snoqualmie spoke about losing \$20,000 due to fraud.
- Sue VerGowe of Snoqualmie spoke on the Jupiter Power BESS project.
- Vani Albert of Snoqualmie spoke on the Jupiter Power BESS project.
- Charissa Wakeford spoke on the Jupiter Power BESS project.
- Brock Brady spoke on the Jupiter Power BESS project.
- Emanuel Lewis from Texas spoke to the comment made by Edie Gomez, and her losing \$20,000 to fraud.
- Emily Anderson of Snoqualmie emailed her comment to cityclerk@snoqualmiewa.gov. Her comment pertained to the Jupiter Power BESS project.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated February 23, 2026.
2. Approve the Claims Report dated March 9, 2026.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

3. AB26-004: Ordinance 1316 Adding Ch 10.13 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code.

CM Wotton read the Introduction.

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

Approve ordinance 1316 Adding Ch 10.13 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code.

Public Comment:

- Andrew Wissink of Snoqualmie Automated Traffic Safety Cameras.
- Fitz Jordan of Snoqualmie spoke on his support of Automated Traffic Safety Cameras.
- Hadley Everts spoke on her support of Automated Traffic Safety Cameras.
- Stephanie McEnergy of Snoqualmie on her support of Automated Traffic Safety Cameras.

CM Wotton thanked the citizens who have supported this Ordinance and personal privacy pertaining to the use of such Automated Traffic Safety Cameras. CM Holloway spoke on his concern of the cost.

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

Amend Section 10.13.020 to add section D. which states - The establishment and changes to the minimum enforcement parameters must be presented to the city council for approval.

Discussion on the proposed amendment was led by CM Wotton. Councilmembers joined the discussion to ask questions and raise concerns. The mayor joined the discussion to provide insight. Chief Horejsi joined the discussion to answer questions and provide insight.

Motion to Amend Section 10.13.020 to add section D. which states - The establishment and changes to the minimum enforcement parameters must be presented to the city council for approval.

FAILED: 2-5 (Murphy, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

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

Send Ordinance 1316 back to Committee

It was moved by CM Washington to:

Amend the motion to return back to committee until such time as we have analysis for alternatives on enforcement options and service options. This motion did not receive a second.

Councilmembers discussed the Ordinance further. The Mayor joined the discussion.

Motion to Send Ordinance 1316 back to Committee

FAILED: 4-3 (Murphy, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

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

Amend the motion back Public Safety Committee to discuss information required to proceed with an RFP

CM Wotton brought a Point of Order to see if CM Holloway's motion is germane.

It was determined by the City Attorney that the motion was not germane.

CM Holloway disagreed with the City Attorney's determination and appealed to the City Council.

Recess by the Mayor called 5min back in session at 8:56.

**On deciding that the motion is germane
Roll Call vote requested by CM Washington.**

FAILED: 3-4 (Murphy, nay; Wotton, nay; Holloway, aye; Washington, aye; Cotton, nay; Christensen, nay; Johnson, aye.

Councilmembers discussed the Ordinance. The Mayor provided insight, City Attorney Burke joined the discussion to answer questions and provide clarity. Chief Horejsi joined the discussion to answer questions and provide insight.

Motion to Approve ordinance 1316 Adding Ch 10.13 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: CM Wotton discussed the Fire Department quarterly report.

Community Development Committee:

Parks & Public Works Committee:

Finance & Administration Committee:

Agenda Bill Introduction Discussion – CM Johnson led the discussion. The Mayor joined the discussion to provide insight. Councilmembers had an opportunity to make comment and ask questions.

Committee of the Whole:

Discussion on Resolution 1542 Rules and Procedures of the City Council, Numbers 5,6 & 7 – CM Cotton led the discussion and went over the sections. Councilmembers had an opportunity to join the discussion.

CM Christensen discussed the potential of having additional parliamentary training. The Mayor provided insight.

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

Move Parks and Public Works Committee, along with Finance and Administration Committee from Tuesday, March 17 to Wednesday, March 18.

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

REPORTS

6. Mayor's Report included:

- Flood event Town Hall
- Twin Peaks Day
- City of Issaquah Sound Transit Line 3
- Contacted by Kim Schrier with potential Federal Funding Opportunity
- Interviewing for four positions
- Immigration Topics Communications Status

7. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports: CM Christensen discussed meeting with the Tribe.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. 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.

No planned action to follow the Executive Session.

Council went into Executive/Closed session at 9:38 pm and expected to be in session until 9:58 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting at 9:59 PM

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

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk