



CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM

ROUNDTABLE MEETING, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Mayhew called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

City Council: Councilmembers Dan Murphy, Robert Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Catherine Cotton, Andre Testman, and Mayor Pro Tem Jolyon Johnson.

Executive: Mayor James Mayhew.

City Staff: City Administrator Andrea Lehner, City Attorney Dena Burke, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi, Finance Director Drew Bouta, Budget Manager Janna Walker, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Brown, and IT Specialist Jimmie Betts.

Motion: Councilmember Wotton made a motion to excuse Councilmember Washington. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway.

Motion passed: 6-0.

AGENDA APPROVAL.

Motion: Councilmember Murphy made a motion to excuse Councilmember Washington. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Motion passed: 6-0.

SPECIAL BUSINESS.

1. Discussion of 2027-2028 Biennial Budget.

Mayor James Mayhew opened the discussion on the 2027-2028 biennial budget and briefed Council on answers to questions that were asked at the last meeting regarding the biennial budget, service levels, and financial sustainability. Council discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Mayor Mayhew adjourned the special meeting at 6:55pm.

REGULAR AGENDA, 7 PM.

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

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Executive: Mayor Mayhew.

City Staff: City Administrator Andrea Lehner, City Attorney Dena Burke, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi, Finance Director Drew Bouta, Budget Manager Janna Walker, Deputy Fire Chief Chris Brown,

Interim Public Works Director Phil Bennett, CIP Manager Dylan Gamble, Engineer Patrick Fry, and IT Specialist Jimmie Betts.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to excuse Councilmember Washington. Seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Motion passed: 6-0.

AGENDA APPROVAL.

Motion: Councilmember Wotton made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

Motion to amend the agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to add the appointment of Scott Miller as police chief to the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway.

Motion to amend the agenda passed: 6-0.

Motion to amend the agenda: Councilmember Murphy made a motion to add an item to the Committee of the Whole: Council discussion of video recording policies for items not on the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Cotton.

Motion to amend the agenda passed: 5-1. Nay Holloway.

Motion: To approve the agenda as amended.

Motion passed: 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No executive session was held.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

Presentations.

2. NPDES Stormwater Permit - Annual Update.

Engineer Patrick Fry presented the annual update on the NPDES Stormwater Permit. Council discussion followed.

3. Appointment of Police Chief.

Mayor Mayhew stated he was appointing Mr. Scott Miller as Police Chief for the City of Snoqualmie and requested Council approval.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to confirm Mr. Scott Miller as Police Chief for the City of Snoqualmie. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway.

Motion passed: 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

The following people made a public comment:

- Paul Sweum.

CONSENT AGENDA.

4. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated July 13, 2026.

5. Approve the Claims Report dated July 27, 2026.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Wotton.

Motion passed: 6-0.

ORDINANCES.

No ordinances were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Public Safety Committee:

6. Update from Fourth of July by Police and Fire.

Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi and Deputy Fire Chief Chris Brown presented updates from the Fourth of July holiday. Councilmember Wotton briefed on community feedback on speed cameras, speed enforcement efforts, and increased foot patrols within the city. Council discussion followed.

Community Development Committee:

7. CED 2026 Workplan.

Mayor James Mayhew briefed that the Community Development Committee has been working on the 2026 Community and Economic Development Work Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson briefed on the primary focuses of the 2026 CED workplan. Council discussion followed.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

8. AB26-030: Approval to Execute Contracts for Previously Appropriated Capital Projects.

Councilmember Cotton read the briefing and introduction for AB26-030: Approval to Execute Contracts for Previously Appropriated Capital Projects.

Motion: Councilmember Cotton made a motion to adopt Resolution 1752, authorizing execution of contracts and related agreements for capital projects identified in exhibit A. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Engineer Patrick Fry presented on a professional services agreement with Geosyntec for Water Rights and Source of Supply Consultation. Council discussion followed.

Amended Motion: Councilmember Cotton made a motion to return the item to committee. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Amended Motion passed: 6-0.

9. AB26-042: Approval to Execute Contracts for Previously Appropriated Capital Programs.

Councilmember Cotton read the briefing and introduction for AB26-042: Approval to Execute Contracts for Previously Appropriated Capital Programs.

Motion: Councilmember Cotton made a motion to adopt Resolution 1750, authorizing execution of contracts and related agreements for capital programs identified in exhibit A. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway.

CIP Manager Dylan Gamble briefed on proposed contracts for utility mains inspection and repair, Newton Street repair, and stormwater pond repair and replacement. Council discussion followed.

Amended Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to return the item to committee. Seconded by Councilmember Cotton.

Amended Motion passed: 6-0.

10. AB26-043: Canyon Springs Slope Stabilization Professional Service Agreement.

Councilmember Cotton read the briefing and introduction for AB26-043: Canyon Springs Slope Stabilization Professional Agreement.

Motion: Councilmember Cotton made a motion to approve AB26-043 and sign a professional services agreement with Goesyntec. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway.

Engineer Patrick Fry briefed on the scope of work included in the professional services agreement for slope repair and trail improvements for Canyon Springs.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Finance & Administration Committee:

11. AB26-047: Resolution 1749: Essential City Services Levy.

Councilmember Johnson briefed that it was his intention to move this item to a subsequent City Council meeting.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to postpone AB26-047: Resolution 1749: Essential City Services Levy to the next Council meeting on July 30th, 31st, or August 3rd. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson opened the discussion on a proposed Essential City Services Levy. Council discussion followed.

Motion passed: 6-0.

12. Second Half of August Committee and Council Meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson briefed that the recommendation from the Finance and Administration Committee is to hold regular meetings in the second half of August. Council discussion followed.

13. Flood Event Update.

Finance Director Drew Bouta presented an update on the December flood event. Council discussion followed.

14. Potential Land Use in Unincorporated UGA.

No update was provided regarding potential land use in unincorporated UGA.

15. Coffee with Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson briefed on a proposed plan to implement Coffee with Council and stated the proposed first date would be held on August 8th, 2026 at 10:00am at location to be determined. Council discussion followed.

Committee of the Whole:

16. Council discussion of video recording of comments for items not on the agenda.

Councilmember Murphy briefed on information he received from the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) regarding video recording of comments for items not on the agenda. Council discussion followed.

Motion: Councilmember Murphy made a motion to reinstate video recording of public comment for items not on the agenda, which was previously suspended by a vote of the City Council on September 9, 2019. Seconded by Councilmember Wotton. Council discussion followed.

Motion passed: 4-2. Nay – Holloway and Johnson.

REPORTS

17. Mayor's Report.

Mayor Mayhew briefed on the following:

- Police Chief has a target start-date of August 10.
- Phil Bennet will be serving as interim Parks and Public Works Director.
- Facilities have been reorganized to report directly to the city administrator to elevate the visibility of facility maintenance and repairs.
- A tentative agreement has been made with the firefighter's union and IAFF is expected to vote by end of July. Council ratification will then be sought in early August.
- Internal meetings have begun to prepare for Teamsters contract negotiation requests and council will be briefed in early August.
- The Community and Economic Development team is putting in a significant amount of work to zone Snoqualmie Ridge and to revise the Comprehensive Plan for the Urban Growth Area. The Planning Commission and Community Development Committee workplan is very packed for the rest of the year.
- Economic Development Coordinator – interviews have been conducted and a selection decision is pending.
- Senior Planner – position will be advertised in August after an Economic Development Coordinator has been hired.
- Legal Assistant – position has now been advertised and will close mid-August.

18. Departmental Reports.

No reports were made.

19. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports.

No reports were made.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Motion passed: 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19pm.

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Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk