



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 28, 2025

ROUNDTABLE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Ross called the Roundtable Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

City Council: Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff: Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator (remote); Christopher Brown, Deputy Fire Chief; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief/Police Captain; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL - It was moved by CM Washington; seconded by CM Holloway to approve the agenda which passed unanimously.

CLOSED / EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for the planning or adoption of a strategy or position to be taken during the course of any collective bargaining proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings.
2. 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.

At 6:03 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 6:50 pm. No action was anticipated following the Closed/Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

ADJOURNMENT – Council returned to Council Chambers at 6:50 pm and the Roundtable Meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ross called the Regular Meeting to order 7:00 pm.

City Council: Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen and Jo Johnson.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator (remote); Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Christopher Brown, Deputy Fire Chief; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief/Police Captain; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda as amended, removal of AB25-071 Flag Policy from the consent agenda.

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

It was moved by CM Wotton to remove AB25-071 from the consent agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Presentations

3. Parks & Events Commission Update. Presentation and update provided by Parks & Events Commission Chair Emily Anderson and Vice Chair Paul Sweum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated July 14, 2025.
5. Approve the Claims Report dated July 28, 2025.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. **Removed from Consent Agenda: AB25-071: Flag Policy.** Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Discussion followed.

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

Approve Resolution 1722 adopting a flag policy.

PASSED: 5-2 (Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson) (Nay: Benson and Wotton)

Public Safety Committee:

7. Fire Department 2nd Quarter Accreditation Report. This item was informational only. Deputy Chief Bailey was available to answer questions.

Community Development Committee: There was no report.

Parks & Public Works Committee: There was no report.

Finance & Administration Committee: There was no report.

Committee of the Whole: Executive Session Do's and Don'ts. Presentation by City Attorney Burke. Council questions and comments followed.

REPORTS

9. Mayor's Report. Mayor Ross provided updates on:
 - Diverging Diamond Interchange at I-90 and SR18 is complete. Widening through Deep Creek to occur this fall.
 - Reminder of Council's favorite reads for upcoming King County Library presentation.
 - Movie in the Park is this Thursday.
 - Boeing Classic is next week.
10. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:
 - CM Christensen provided updates on the YMCA.
 - CM Wotton provided updates on the housing task force and SnoValley jobs board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. 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.

At 7:50 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 8:25 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Sessions and recording of the meeting ceased.

At 8:25 pm, it was announced outside Council Chambers that Executive Session was extended to 8:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

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