



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2026

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

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

CM Bryan Holloway's absence was excused.

Moved by CM Washington; Seconded by CM Wotton

PASSED 6-0 (Murphy, Wotton, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, 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 Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda

PASSED: 6-0 (Murphy, Wotton, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated February 09, 2026.
2. Approve the Claims Report dated February 23, 2026.
3. AB26-003: A Resolution of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, authorizing the Mayor to sign a Fourth Amendment to the agreement with Madrona Law Group PLLC

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

Approve the consent agenda.

PASSED: 6-0 (Murphy, Wotton, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

ORDINANCES

4. AB26-004: Ordinance 1315 Adding Ch 10.13 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code – CM Wotton read the introduction of the Agenda Bill. Chief Horejsi

presented slides regarding School Zone Traffic Safety Cameras. The slides provided insight on how Traffic Safety Cameras can be a benefit to the City of Snoqualmie.

Public Comment:

Peter Laires of Snoqualmie spoke on residents currently trying to control their speed. Mr. Laires spoke on speed signage being effective and there should not be a need to bring in an outside organization to profit from automated traffic safety cameras. He strongly recommends City Council reject the Ordinance adding Ch 10.13 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras to the Snoqualmie Municipal Code.

Councilmembers and the Mayor joined the discussion and asked questions regarding Ordinance 1315 Adding Ch 10.13 Automated Traffic Safety Cameras. Chief Horejsi and the Mayor provided insight.

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

Add the words “City of Snoqualmie” in section 10.13.030(B) so that the sentence reads as follows: Use of photos. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all photographs, microphotographs, or electronic images prepared under this section are for the exclusive use of City of Snoqualmie law enforcement in the discharge of duties under this section and are not open to the public and may not be used in a court in a pending action or proceeding unless the action or proceeding relates to a violation under this section.

Discussion regarding the motion followed by Councilmembers.

PASSED: 6-0 (Murphy, Wotton, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

The discussion continued regarding the Ordinance and Traffic Safety Cameras amongst Councilmembers, the Mayor, and Chief Horejsi.

The Mayor informed Council that this Ordinance will come back to Council on March 9, 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

Community Development Committee:

Parks & Public Works Committee:

5. **Discussion:** King Street, Snoqualmie Parkway Crossing Improvements – Project Engineer Ahmed led the discussion. Richard Anderson, the Executive Director of the Northwest Railroad Museum went over slides and spoke on the crossing improvements. Project Engineer Ahmed continued the discussion and provided additional insight into the scope of the improvements, schedule, cost and funding. She also discussed road closures during the construction. Mr. Anderson discussed public safety and the planning for emergency vehicles. Councilmembers and the Mayor joined the discussion and asked questions.

Finance & Administration Committee:

Committee of the Whole:

REPORTS

6. Mayor's Report included:

- Flood Event Town Hall
- Snoqualmie Tribe Raging River Recovery Center Ribbon Cutting
- Current employment openings
- Snoqualmie won the WellCity Award for 2025 from AWC
- Internally working on budgeting and staffing for Community Development
- Process for Commission and Committee Meetings

7. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports: CM Wotton thanked the Mayor and staff who attended the joint Economic Development Commission with North Bend. CM Cotton spoke on the meeting she attended with the Emergency Management Advisory Committee. CM Johnson spoke on the ST3 meeting tomorrow in Issaquah. CM Murphy spoke on the Sound Cities Association.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting

PASSED: 6-0 (Murphy, Wotton, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk