



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2024

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie Fire Department and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Ross called the Special Meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

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

Councilmember Holloway appeared at 6:02 pm.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff Present: David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Chris Brown, Deputy Fire Chief; Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Emily Artech, Community Development Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Phil Bennett, Deputy Parks & Public Works Director; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; Kim Johnson, HR Manager; and Andy Latham, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by CM Johnson, seconded by CM Washington to:
Approve the agenda.

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

Add an Executive Session before the first item of Special Business.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – ADD ON

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 10 minutes.

Council went into Executive Session at 6:04 pm which was expected to last until 6:15 pm.

At 6:15 pm, Council extended another 10 minutes to 6:25 pm.

At 6:25 pm, Council extended another 10 minutes to 6:35 pm.

At 6:35 pm, Council extended another 5 minutes to 6:41 pm.

Council reconvened at 6:41 pm and the recording resumed at 6:43 pm.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. **AB24-092:** Pacific West Rail Foundation Museum Development Agreement and Public Use Covenant. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Rob Nelson from Pacific West Rail Foundation was also present. Discussion followed with Interim City Attorney Linehan reviewing the changes to the Development Agreement and Covenant since the last meeting. Council questions answered by Mr. Rob Nelson and City Administrator Mike Chambless.

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

Approve the Development Agreement and Public Use Covenant for the Pacific West Rail Foundation Museum.

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

2. **AB24-101: 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.** This item came on for Public Hearing as advertised in the Seattle Times on September 16, 2024, and September 23, 2024.

Public Hearing opened by Mayor Ross at 6:52 pm.

No one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:52 pm.

Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. This is the first reading of Ordinance No. 1296. Handouts of the Q&A log and Q&A slides, and presentation provided by Budget Manager Janna Walker. Discussion followed. Council questions answered by Budget Manager Walker, Deputy Parks & Public Works Director Phil Bennett, Finance Director Drew Bouta, and City Administrator Mike Chambless.

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

To revert Section 3 of the proposed ordinance to what it was before.

PASSED: 6-1 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)(Nay: Wotton)

ADD-ON

CM Holloway opened the discussion on the Waste Management Administrative Fee. It was confirmed WM is amenable to addressing the fee outside the September 1st date.

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

Reduce the Waste Management Administrative Fee to 5.5%.

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

Amend motion to 7.86%.

Motion withdrawn.

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

Amend motion to 8.01%.

PASSED: 6-1 (Benson, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)(Nay: Wotton)

The second reading and proposed adoption is scheduled for the October 3, 2024, Special Council meeting.

Mayor Ross inquired about the draft Council letter to legislators. Council will take under consideration at the October 3, 2024, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk