



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 13, 2026, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING, 5:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Mayhew called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

City Council: Councilmembers Dan Murphy (virtual) Catherine Cotton, Daniel Murphy, Robert Wotton, Andre Testman, Louis Washington and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Executive: Mayor James Mayhew.

City Staff: City Attorney Dena Burke, City Administrator Andrea Lehner, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Budget Manager Janna Walker, Deputy Finance Director Jennifer Hughes, Human Resources Director Kim Johnson, Fire Chief Mike Bailey, and IT Systems Specialist Jimmie Betts.

AGENDA APPROVAL.

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

Motion passed: 7-0.

SPECIAL BUSINESS.

1. Discussion of 2027-2028 Biennial Budget.

Mayor Mayhew presented the 2027-2028 Biennial Budget.

2. Discussion of Potential City Services Levy.

Mayor Mayhew presented on a potential city services levy.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Motion passed: 7-0.

Mayor Mayhew adjourned the special meeting at 6:51pm.

REGULAR AGENDA, 7 PM.

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

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

Executive: Mayor Mayhew.

City Staff: City Attorney Dena Burke, City Administrator Andrea Lehner, City Clerk Kim Agfalvi, Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin, Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi, Fire Chief Mike Bailey, Deputy Finance Director Jennifer Hughes, Budget Manager Janna Walker, Community Development Director Mona Davis and IT Systems Specialist Jimmie Betts.

AGENDA APPROVAL.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Washington.

Motion passed: 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

Public Hearing.

3. Bess Moratorium.

Mayor Mayhew opened the public hearing at 7:02pm.

The following people made a public comment:

- Peter Lugli
- Alexandra Taber
- Dana Coburg
- Nicole Wolfley
- Butch Vision
- Tonya Coburg
- Georgia North
- Jim Tjssvold
- Katie Crislip
- David North
- Neil Thibert
- Peggy Shepard
- Jon Schraeder

Mayor Mayhew closed the public hearing at 7:39pm.

Appointments.

4. City Administrator Swearing In – Andrea Lehner.

City Clerk Kim Agfalvi swore in Andrea Lehner as City Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

The following people made a public comment:

- Alma Gomez commented on consumer protection.
- Ekat Gomez commented on consumer protection.
- Emmanuel Lewis commented on consumer protection.
- Christie Malchow commented on sign code.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated June 22, 2026.

6. Approve the Claims Report dated July 13, 2026.

7. **AB26-041:** Resolution 1751: *Coalition of Small Police Agencies ILA Addendum.*

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

Motion passed: 7-0.

ORDINANCES.

No ordinances were presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Public Safety Committee:

8. BESS Ordinance Discussion.

Councilmember Wotton briefed on proposed ordinance documents presented to the Public Safety Committee on July 6th, 2026 that would establish liability, insurance, and financial-assurance requirements for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Council discussion followed.

Community Development Committee:

No report was made.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

No report was made.

Finance & Administration Committee:

9. Flood Event Update.

No new report was made.

10. Potential Land Use in Unincorporated UGA.

No new report was made.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to hold a special meeting of the Council every Tuesday at 7:00pm to hold an executive meeting with outside counsel. Seconded by Wotton.

Amended Motion: Councilmember Washington made an amended motion to change the meeting time to 7:30pm. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Amended Motion passed: 6-1. Nay – Cotton.

Amended Motion: To hold a special meeting of the City Council every week at 7:30pm.

Amended Motion passed: 7-0.

Amended Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to change the meeting time to a Monday or a Tuesday, for a duration of one hour, at a time to be worked out with Council and external Counsel. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Amended Motion passed: 7-0.

Committee of the Whole:

No report was made.

REPORTS.

11. Mayor's Report.

Mayor Mayhew briefed on:

- Police Chief target start date will be mid-August.
- Tentative agreement has been reached with Firefighters union and terms are within Council guidance.
- Internal meetings to prepare Teamsters contract negotiation requests, council briefing later in July.
- Centralized Parks and Public Works reservations, permitting, and accounting support to City Hall.
- Suspension of sign ordinance once BESS signs went up based on compliance with State Law and legal precedence developments.
- Notice of Termination from the City of Issaquah - municipal court services will end as of December 31, 2026. Staff will try to negotiate a new contract or look at new alternatives.
- Continued consultation with the Snoqualmie tribe on the Sandy Cove Restoration Project.
- Community Development department update.

- Update on open and recently filled employment positions.
- July 4th parade update.
- Monthly coffee with Mayor event.
- Mt. Si High School Senior Parade.
- Continued meetings with Si View Parks regarding an aquatic facility.
- PSRC General Assembly, budget, and officer elections.
- SVGA address from county Executive Girmay Zahilay.
- King County initiative for funding roadways.

12. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports.

Councilmember Cotton briefed on the Snoqualmie Valley Aquatics Collaborative and stated that she would like to schedule SVAC to present to Council. Council discussion followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

13. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) – Potential Litigation.

No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Motion passed: 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk