



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## December 9, 2024

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

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

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

**Excuse CM Washington from this evening's meeting.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff Present:** David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall (remote), Communications Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Gary Horejsi, Police Captain; Mona Davis, Senior Planner; Don Harris, Fleet and Facilities Superintendent; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Phil Bennett, Deputy Parks & Public Works Director; and Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support.

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

**Approve the agenda.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

#### Public Hearings

1. **AB24-096:** Transportation Impact Fee Program.  
Mayor Ross opened the public hearing at 7:03 pm. No one wishing to speak, Mayor Ross closed the public hearing at 7:04 pm.
2. **AB24-098:** Ordinance adopting the City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan 2044 Periodic Update.  
Mayor Ross opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm. No one wishing to speak, Mayor Ross closed the public hearing at 7:05 pm.

## Appointments

3. **AB24-127:** Appointment and Re-Appointments to Commissions and Advisory Committees. Introduction by Mayor Ross.

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

**Confirm the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Nick Postiglione to the Economic Development Commission, re-appoint Nichole Pas to the Economic Development Commission, re-appoint Laurie Hay, Richard Anderson, and Kelly Coughlin to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, and re-appoint Luke Marusiak to the Planning Commission.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

Nick Postiglione thanked Council and noted he is looking forward to serving.

## Presentations

4. 2024 Commission Accomplishments. Presentation led by Community Liaison Nicole Wiebe who spoke on behalf of the Arts Commission, Parks and Events Commission Chair Emily Anderson, Community Development Director Emily Arteche who spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission, and Economic Development Commission Chair Kristina Hudson. Councilmember comments followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – There were no public comments.

## CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated November 25, 2024.
6. **AB24-126:** Amendment to Landscape Maintenance Agreements for Snoqualmie Parkway and Other ROW's, Mini-Parks, and Facilities.
7. **AB24-115:** Surplus of Vehicles and Equipment Replacements for the 2025-26 Biennium.
8. **AB24-128:** Ratification of Proclamation of Emergency 24-23.

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

**Approve the consent agenda.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

## ORDINANCES

9. **AB24-096:** Transportation Impact Fee Program. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Presentation by Chris Breiland of Fehr & Peers. Councilmember questions followed.

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

**Approve Ordinance 1301 amending the Snoqualmie Municipal Code to add Title 20.09 Transportation Impact Fees and associated Rate Study.**

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

**Send this item back to committee.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

10. **AB24-098:** Ordinance adopting the City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan 2044 Periodic Update. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Councilmember comments followed.

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

**Adopt the City of Snoqualmie Comprehensive Plan 2044 Periodic Update, Ordinance 1302.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

11. **AB24-107:** 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Amendment. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Additional information provided by Budget Manager Janna Walker.

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

**Approve Ordinance 1300 amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

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

**Amendment to the amendment of the \$71,000.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Safety Committee:** There was no report.

**Community Development Committee:** There was no report.

**Parks & Public Works Committee:**

12. **Utility Rate Study.** Introduction by CIP Manager Dylan Gamble. Presentation provided by Sergey Tarasov (remote) of FCS Group. Topics covered included background, overview of rate setting process, revenue requirement summary, cost of service summary, overview of rate design, rate design goals, rate design summary, water rate design considerations, water rate design – residential & multi-family, water rate design – commercial, water rate design – irrigation, sewer rate design considerations, sewer rate design, stormwater rate design, rate design impacts, combined rate survey, and next steps. Councilmember comments and questions followed.

**Finance & Administration Committee:**

13. **AB24-114:** Purchase of vehicles and equipment replacements for the 2025-26 Biennium. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Additional information provided by Fleet and Facilities Superintendent Don Harris.

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

**Approve the purchase of twenty-three (23) vehicles and equipment replacements for the 2025-26 biennium.**

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

**Committee of the Whole:** There was no report.

## REPORTS

### 14. Mayor's Report:

- Special thanks were given to the Parks & Public Works staff and Community Liaison Nicole Wiebe for the fantastic winter lights festival this past weekend.
- Tonight is the last Council meeting of the year. Thank you to Council for their hard work.

### 15. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Cotton provided an update on the Sound Cities Association Public Health meeting.
- CM Wotton provided an update on Housing Chat and affordable housing.
- CM Johnson provided an update on the Planning Commission's critical areas buffer zone update.

### 16. Department Reports for November 2024. City Administrator Mike Chambless provided a summary of the department reports.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### 17. 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 8:42 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 9:30 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

At 9:30 pm, Executive Session was extended to 9:40 pm.

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The regular meeting reconvened at 9:50 pm.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Johnson to adjourn the meeting which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk