



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 24, 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 Ross was also present.

City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.
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 6:01 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 6:30 pm. Recording of the meeting paused.

At 6:30 pm, it was announced outside the Mt Si Conference Room that Executive Session was extended to 6:35 pm.

At 6:35 pm, Council returned to Council Chambers and the recording resumed.

ADJOURNMENT – It was moved by CM Washington and seconded by CM Holloway to adjourn the Roundtable Meeting which passed unanimously. The Roundtable Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

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

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

City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Mona Davis, Community and Economic Development Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Phil Bennett, Deputy Parks & Public Works Director; Robert Thrall, Legal Assistant; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; Janna Walker, Budget Manager (remote); Kim Johnson, HR Director (remote); and Jimmie Betts, 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 Christensen to:

Approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

To remove SnoValley Chamber of Commerce presentation from the agenda.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Presentations

3. SnoValley Chamber of Commerce. This item was removed from the agenda.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated November 10, 2025.
5. Approve the Claims Report dated November 24, 2025.
6. **AB25-109:** Appointment of Municipal Court Judge
7. **AB25-116:** Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Conditional Certification to 2024 Comprehensive Plan
8. **AB25-117:** Amendment of Landscape Maintenance Agreement for Facilities
9. **AB25-118:** Amendment of Landscape Maintenance Agreement for Mini-Parks
10. **AB25-119:** Amendment of Landscape Maintenance Agreement for Snoqualmie Parkway and Right-of-Way's.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

11. **AB25-092:** Ordinance Adopting Snoqualmie School District Impact Fees for 2026. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway.

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

Adopt Ordinance 1312 updating the Snoqualmie Valley School District's Impact Fees for 2026.

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

12. **AB25-103:** Critical Areas Ordinance. Introduction read into the record by CM Washington.

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

Approve Ordinance 1313 amending Snoqualmie Municipal Code Title 19 Chapter 19.12 related to Critical Areas.

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

13. **AB25-104:** Ordinance Certifying an Increase in Property Taxes. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway.

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

Approve Ordinance 1311 certifying an increase in regular property tax revenue for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026.

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

14. **AB25-105:** Property Tax Levy Ordinance. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Comments by CM Johnson. Additional information provided by Finance Director Drew Bouta.

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

Approve Ordinance 1310 levying regular property taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026.

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

15. **AB25-107:** 2025-2026 Mid-Biennium Amendment. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Presentation by Finance Director Drew Bouta. Council comments and questions followed. Additional information provided by Budget Manager Walker and Interim Chief Horejsi.

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

Approve Ordinance 1309 amending the 2025-2026 biennial budget as amended.

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

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

Restore position in Community Development starting July 1, 2026

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

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

Amend the motion to retain the planning technician position and freeze until July 1, 2026.

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

16. **AB25-120:** Electric Motorcycle Ordinance. Introduction read into the record by CM Wotton. This is the first reading of Ordinance 1315. Presentation by Interim Chief Horejsi. Discussion followed.

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

Modify to read “when the vehicle reaches a speed over 28 miles per hour”

FAILED: 2-5 (Holloway, Washington)(Benson, Wotton, Christensen, Cotton, Johnson)

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

Modify to read “unless equipped for second passenger by original manufacturer”

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

The second reading and proposed adoption is scheduled for the December 8, 2025, City Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: There was no report.

Community Development Committee: There was no report.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

17. **AB25-110:** Eastside Transportation Agreement. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Additional information provided by Parks and Public Works Director Hamlin.

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

Adopt Resolution 1733 approving the Eastside Transportation Partnership Agreement.

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

18. **AB25-111:** Amendment of Class IV Work Crew Master Agreement with Washington State Department of Corrections. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Additional information provided by Deputy Parks and Public Works Director Bennett.

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

Adopt Resolution 1736 approving the Amendment No. 1 to the Class IV Master Work Agreement with Department of Corrections.

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

Finance & Administration Committee: There was no report.

Committee of the Whole: There was no report.

REPORTS

19. Mayor’s Report included:

- Transition plan meeting was held with Mayor Elect Mayhew.
- Congratulations to the Mount Si High School Wildcats Girls Soccer team for being the 4A Washington State champions.
- Reminder for Councilmembers and Commissioners to take their required cybersecurity training.

20. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports included:

- CM Wotton provided an update on the Economic Development Commission.
- CM Christensen provided an update on Sound Cities Association PIC

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

James Mayhew, Mayor for
Katherine Ross, former Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk