



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2026

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

City Council: Councilmembers Bryan Holloway, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, and Jolyon Johnson

Councilmember elect Daniel Murphy was also present.

City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, 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; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks and Public Works Director; Kim Johnson, HR Director; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

Add Proclamation 26-01 Mentoring Month.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Appointments

1. Oath of Office – Mayor Mayhew and Councilmember Murphy.

Mayor Mayhew took the Oath of Office on November 26, 2025, and read the Oath into the record this evening. Photos followed.

Mayor Mayhew administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Murphy. Photos followed. CM Murphy then took his seat at Position No. 1.

ADD ON Proclamation 26-01 Mentoring Month. Summary read into the record by Mayor Mayhew. Empower Youth Network Program Coordinator Kathy Hyland and Mentor Amanda Wright spoke to the mentoring program. Photos followed.

2. **AB25-130:** Mayor Pro Tem Election.

CM Holloway nominated CM Johnson to serve as 2026 Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by CM Christensen. CM Johnson made a statement in support of the nomination.

Motion to appointment CM Johnson as Mayor Pro Tem for 2026.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Kelly Coughlin spoke regarding volunteers of the recent flood emergency and offered certificates of recognition on behalf of the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce to those present.
- Mayor Mary Miller shared her appreciation of Mayor Mayhew speaking at North Bend's Council meeting last week and looking forward to continued collaboration.
- Paul Sweum of Snoqualmie spoke regarding advocacy and his engagement with light rail and a community pool.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated November 24, 2025, and December 8, 2025.
4. Approve the Claims Report dated January 12, 2026.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: CM Cotton praised staff for their efforts and spoke to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and city activities during the flood disaster.

Community Development Committee: There was no report.

Parks & Public Works Committee: There was no report.

Finance & Administration Committee:

5. **AB25-128:** Resolution Ratifying Emergency Proclamation 25-25. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway.

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

Approve Resolution No. 1742 ratifying Proclamation of Emergency 25-25

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

Committee of the Whole:

6. Committee Assignments. CM Johnson reviewed his proposed committee assignments including:

Public Safety: Chair Wotton, Members Cotton and Holloway

Community Development: Chair Washington, Members Johnson and Murphy

Parks & Public Works: Chair Cotton, Members Murphy and Christensen

Finance & Administration: Chair Johnson, Members Holloway and Washington

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

Approve the appointments as proposed.

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

REPORTS

7. Mayor's Report included:

- First day at City Hall.
- Meeting with the Tribe as Mayor Elect.
- Spoke at North Bend Council meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.
- Conversations with King County Councilmember Sarah Perry.
- Many meetings with staff and departments.

8. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Wotton provided updates on Meadowbrook Farm Preservation, Economic Development Commission, and King County Public Safety Committee.
- CM Christensen provided an update on Sound Cities Association opportunities.
- CM Cotton provided an update on the Emergency Management Committee.
- CM Murphy spoke to Council regarding his transition into office.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

James Mayhew, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk