



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2024

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

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

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

Excuse Councilmember Christensen's from tonight's meeting.

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

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff Present: David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Gretchen Garrett, Deputy City Clerk (remote); Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Gary Horejsi, Police Captain; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Patrick Fry, Project Engineer; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director (remote); Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearings

Appointments

Presentations

1. Fire Department Re-Accreditation. This item was introduced by Chief Bailey, noting a delegation from the city traveled to Atlanta, Georgia on August 5, 2024, for the accreditation hearing. The department was accredited in 2019 and received approval at the hearing for re-accreditation last week for an additional five years. Chief Bailey thanked Council for their support and presented the plaque which will be displayed at the Fire Department. Mayor Ross congratulated Chief Bailey, Captain Fouts, and the Snoqualmie Fire Department for their commitment to excellence noting this is an important milestone for the department and further elevates the departments accountability to our residents. Photos followed.

Proclamations

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Stephen Sobczak, from Lake Stevens, Washington, and Senior District Manager for Waste Management, spoke regarding truck sizes.
- Han Kirkland, from Kent, Washington, and Contract Manager for Waste Management, spoke regarding the recent lack of communication between drivers, Waste Management staff, and residents.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated July 22, 2024.
3. Approve the Claims Report dated August 12, 2024

It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Washington to:
Approve the consent agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

4. Fire Department Annual Report. Presentation provided by Chief Bailey and included number of responses, property loss/save charts, training, community risk reduction and outreach, and volunteerism. Council questions and comments followed.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

5. **AB24-081:** 2025 Solid Waste Contract Adoption. Presentation provided by Project Engineer Patrick Fry. Consultant Jeanette Jurgensen was present remotely. Topics included purpose, background, timeline, continued contract features, new contract features, bids received, garbage rates, cost comparison, contract alternatives, bulky item log, monthly compost usage, and requested council action. Council questions and discussion followed.

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

Approve Resolution 1694 awarding the city's solid waste contract to Waste Management of Washington, Inc., and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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

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

Remove the no cost bulky item option in the contract.

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

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

Accept contract at every other week compostable collection.

TIED: 3-3 (Benson, Wotton, Cotton) (Nay: Johnson, Holloway, Washington)

Mayor Ross voted against and the motion failed.

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

Approve the contract as it stands with the ability to change the administrative fee by January.

Motion and second withdrawn.

Discussion followed with additional information provided by Interim City Attorney Linehan.

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

Amend the contract to have initial administration fee defined by January 2025.

FAILED: 4-2 (Nay: Benson, Wotton, Cotton, Johnson) (Holloway, Washington)

6. **AB24-088:** Amending the Consultant Services Agreement with Parametrix Inc, for the Design of the 384th Ave Sewer-Sidewalk Project. This item was introduced by Project Engineer Patrick Fry who provided a review of the May 28, 2024, presentation and a review of the unforeseen expenses related to the soil quality.

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

Approve an amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement with Parametrix Inc, for the Design of the 384th Ave Sewer-Sidewalk Project

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

Finance & Administration Committee: No report.

Committee of the Whole: No report.

REPORTS

7. Mayor's Report:

- Chief Lynch and Police Administrative Coordinator Melinda Black attended the Master Public Information Officer training hosted by FBI LEEDA. Congratulations to both who are now Public Information Officers!
- The public safety levy on the primary ballot is passing with a solid 66% approval. Thank you to the residents for supporting public safety.
- The YMCA has been recommended for a \$1.2 million grant for the Snoqualmie Pool Expansion Project from the State's Youth Recreation Facilities Grant in the 2025-2027 funding cycle. The project is ranked #7 and should be funded if the final Capital Budget is approved. We appreciate the YMCA's work on this.
- Northwest Railway had Day Out with Thomas with over 14,000 guests that came to Snoqualmie and North Bend which brought in an estimated \$2 million for the valley.
- Snoqualmie Days is this week Friday through Saturday.

8. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:
 - CM Wotton noted Conversation with Council is this Thursday at Sigillo Cellars from 6-7 pm.
9. Department Reports for July 2024 were reviewed by City Administrator Chambless.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(a)(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 20 minutes.

At 9:05 pm, Council took a 5-minute recess and went into Executive Session which is expected to last until 9:30 pm.

At 9:30 pm, Executive Session was extended to 10:00 pm.

At 10:00 pm, Executive Session was extended to 10:10 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk