



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

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October 9, 2023

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

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

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Brian Lynch, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Interim Fire Chief; Michael Liebetrau, Police Records and Evidence Technician; Melinda Black, Police Records Technician; Jason Weiss, Police Sergeant; Robert Angrisano, Volunteer Firefighter; Cat Cotton, Volunteer Firefighter; Chase Smith, Police Officer; Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director; Danna McCall, Communication Coordinator; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst (remote); Andrew Vining, Project Engineer; Austin Gutwein, Police Officer, Nigel Draveling, Police Sergeant, Jonathan Kesler, Senior Planner (remote); Patrick Fry, Project Engineer (remote); Emily Arteche, Community Development Director (remote); and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

Former Fire Chief Mark Correia was also present remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda as amended.

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

CM Mayhew moved to add a discussion item under Committee of the Whole on a preliminary discussion of funding and employee costs with property tax levy and utility rates; seconded by CM Benson which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearings

Appointments

Presentations

1. King County Fire Chief's Association Meritorious Award. Interim Fire Chief Mike Bailey spoke to the recognition award and Medal of Merit Volunteer Firefighter/EMT Robert Angrisano received from the King County Fire Chief's Association. FF Angrisano said a few words and photos were taken.
2. Presentation of Police Awards. Interim Police Chief Brian Lynch recognized Sergeant Weiss, Sergeant Draveling, and Police Officer's Werre, Gutwein, and Smith for their courageous actions in the line of duty. Each were presented with plaques and photos were taken.

Proclamations

3. **AB23-120:** Fire Prevention Week Proclamation. The Mayor read Proclamation 23-15 into the record and declared the week of October 8-14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week. Interim Chief Bailey noted this proclamation is an important message to students at the schools and to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated September 25, 2023.
5. Approve the Claims Approval Report dated October 9, 2023.
6. **AB23-079:** Meadowbrook Farm Operations and Maintenance Services Agreement

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

CM Mayhew questioned the intent of AB23-079, Section 6.1, which was explained by Interim City Attorney David Linehan. Discussion followed.

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

Remove AB23-079 from the consent agenda and add to Finance & Administration Committee Report.

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

ORDINANCES

7. **AB23-023:** Amendments to SMC Chapter 3.10 Multifamily Property Tax Exemption. Second reading of Ordinance 1280. First paragraph of the Introduction was read into the record by CM Johnson.

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

Adopt Ordinance 1280 repealing and replacing Chapter 3.10 of the Snoqualmie Municipal Code regarding the Multifamily Tax Exemption Program.

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

8. **AB23-115:** Amendments to SMC Chapter 17 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Regulations. Second reading of Ordinance 1279. Introduction read into the record by CM Johnson.

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

Adopt Ordinance 1279 amending the Snoqualmie Municipal Code pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU).

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

9. **AB23-121:** Sunnyside Jail Interlocal Agreement. Summary read into the record by CM Christensen. CM Christensen provided additional information related to this item. Interim Chief Lynch answered Council questions.

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

Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Sunnyside and Snoqualmie for Jail Services and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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

Community Development Committee:

10. **AB23-118:** WIRE2023-0001: Wireless Communication Facilities Permit and Conditional Use Permit Deliberation and Decision. Introduction read into the record by CM Johnson.

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

Approve the application of DISH Wireless for a Wireless Communications Facilities Permit and Conditional Use Permit, and to adopt the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Hearing Examiner as those of the City Council.

Interim City Attorney David Linehan reviewed the procedures for a quasi-judicial matter between named parties as distinguished from a matter having general effect on the public or on a class or group and confirmed that Councilmembers did not have a conflict with the Appearance of Fairness requirements.

Presentation by the Plaintiff Andrew Levins at 7:51 pm

Applicant Representative Jamo Stephenson spoke at 7:53 pm

Council questions answered by Andrew Levins and Jamo Stephenson.

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

Parks & Public Works Committee:

11. **AB23-110:** Eagle Lake Water Reclamation Basin Improvements Amendment to RH2 Services Agreement. Summary read into the record by CM Benson. Andrew Vining, Project Engineer, and Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director, answered Council questions.

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

Approve an amendment to the Eagle Lake Reclamation Basin Improvements services agreement with RH2 Engineering.

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

Finance & Administration Committee:

12. **AB23-112:** Meadowbrook Farm Governance ILA. Summary read into the record by CM Holloway. Discussion followed.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 1669 approving the Interlocal Agreement between Snoqualmie and North Bend for the Governance and Management of Meadowbrook Farm and authorizing the Mayor to sign as amended.

Discussion followed.

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

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

Amend the motion to designate two council representatives from each city with equal voting privileges, the chair of the governing body will alternate annually between the mayor of each of the cities starting January 1, 2024 with the longest serving mayor as the first chair and then alternating after that, striking each member may appoint a designee to serve in the absence or unavailability of the member.

Discussion followed.

Passed: 6-1 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Washington, Christensen, Johnson)(Nay: Holloway)

It was moved by CM Mayhew, seconded by CM Johnson so:

Amend CM Wotton's motion to appoint one council representative instead of two.

Discussion followed.

Passed: 7-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Washington, Christensen, Johnson)

It was moved by CM Mayhew, seconded by CM Benson to:

Strike section 6.3.1 beginning with "Prior to invoking the mediation process set forth..."

Discussion followed.

Passed: 6-1 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Washington, Christensen, Johnson)(Nay: Holloway)

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

Change section 6.3.1 "shall" to "should."

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

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

Strike the entire section of 6.3.4 after “fire protection.”

Discussion followed.

Passed: 6-1 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Washington, Christensen, Johnson)(Nay: Holloway)

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

Amend the section starting “if a member does not fund its share of services, the member shall relinquish...” last sentence be struck and restore everything else.

Discussion followed.

FAILED: 3-4 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway)(Mayhew, Washington, Christensen, Johnson)

Add On from Consent Agenda

AB23-079: Meadowbrook Farm Operations and Maintenance Services Agreement.

Adopt Resolution No. 1669 approving the Interlocal Agreement between Snoqualmie and North Bend for the Governance and Management of Meadowbrook Farm and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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

It was moved by CM Mayhew, seconded by CM Johnson to (as stated by the Interim City Attorney):

Amend section 6.1. to parallel language of the indemnification clause in the Governance ILA.

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

Committee of the Whole:

Add On Agenda Item:

Discussion of funding and employee costs with property tax levy and utility rates. This item was brought forward as an add-on item by CM Mayhew.

It was moved by CM Mayhew, seconded by CM Benson to:

Refer this item to the next Finance & Administration Committee meeting.

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

REPORTS

13. **Mayor’s Report:** This item was stricken due to lack of time.
14. **Commission/Committee Liaison and Regional Reports:** This item was stricken due to lack of time.
15. **Department Reports for September 2023.** Council was directed to review the reports included in the agenda packet.

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

Extend Council meeting past 10:00 pm.

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

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

16. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(ii) to discuss with legal counsel:
(i) Litigation that has been specifically threatened to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party; (ii) Litigation that the agency reasonably believes may be commenced by or against the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity lasting approximately 20 minutes.
17. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (a)(ii) to consider, if in compliance with any required data security breach disclosure under RCW 19.255.010 and 42.56.590, and with legal counsel available, information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks, security and service recovery plans, security risk assessments and security test results to the extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities, and other information that if made public may increase the risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of agency security or to information technology infrastructure or assets lasting approximately 10 minutes.
18. Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for the planning or adoption of a strategy or position to be taken during the course of any collective bargaining proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings lasting approximately 30 minutes.

Action will be taken following the first Executive Session.

At 9:48 pm, Council took a 5-minute recess and will reconvene at 9:53 pm in Executive Session.

At 9:58 pm, Council returned to open session.

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

Approve the proposed settlement agreements with Teamsters and City of Snoqualmie regarding the grievances filed by claimants Gaspar and Possert.

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

At 9:59 pm, Council entered into Executive/Closed Session. It was stated there would be no action following the Executive/Closed Session.

At 11:00 pm, Council extended the Executive/Closed Session for an additional 5 minutes.

Executive/Closed Session concluded at 11:05 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk

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