



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

## January 27, 2025

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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, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff Present:** Dena Burke, City Attorney; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Gary Horejsi, Police Captain; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Gretchen Garrett, Deputy City Clerk/Legal Assistant; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director (remote); Kim Johnson, HR Manager; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

**Approve the agenda.**

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

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

#### Appointments

1. **AB25-016:** Appointment to the Arts Commission. Introduction read into the record by Mayor Ross.

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

**Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Nicola Badenhorst to the Arts Commission.**

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

2. **AB25-022:** Appointment to the Parks and Events Commission. Introduction read into the record by Mayor Ross.

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

**Confirm the Mayor's appointment of Amanda Frame to the Parks and Events Commission.**

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

## Presentations

- 2024 Top Accomplishments. Presentation by City Administrator Mike Chambless. Council and Mayor comments followed.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- City of North Bend Mayor Mary Miller expressed intent to continue the work in increasing connection between the two communities.
- City of North Bend Mayor Pro Tem Mark Joselyn spoke regarding the police services contract and the benefit to continue the relationship between Snoqualmie and North Bend and encouraged Council to support the measure to allow the parties to continue the conversation to the betterment of the safety and wellbeing to all who live in Snoqualmie and North Bend.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 13, 2025.
- Approve the Claims Report dated January 27, 2025.
- AB25-013:** Meadowbrook Farm Operation and Maintenance 2025 Budget.

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

**Approve the consent agenda.**

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Public Safety Committee:

- AB25-002:** Amendment to the 2019 North Bend Interlocal Agreement for Police Services. Introduction read into the record by CM Wotton. Discussion followed.

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

**Approve the 2025 Renewal Interlocal Agreement for Police Services with the City of North Bend for the period January 1, 2025, through May 31, 2025, and authorize the Mayor to sign.**

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

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

**Parks & Public Works Committee:** Utility rate study update provided by CM Benson.

### Finance & Administration Committee:

- AB25-010:** Snoqualmie Design and Construction Standards Task Order. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. Discussion followed with questions answered by Community Development Director Emily Arteché and Budget Manager Janna Walker.

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

**Approve the contract and task order with Perteet, Inc. Engineering for work, design, and construction standards.**

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

### **Committee of the Whole:**

9. **Council Retreat Planning.** Discussion led by CM Holloway. Retreat set for March 28, 2025. Councilmembers to participate in the RFP consultant selection process for strategic planning are CM Holloway and CM Washington.

### **REPORTS**

#### 10. Mayor's Report:

- Congratulations to City Administrator Mike Chambless for receiving the ICMA Credentialed Manager Designation.
- The Mayor attended the AWC Mayor's Exchange last week and provided an update on the speakers and topics covered.
- AWC City Action Days will be held in February in Olympia and Councilmembers are encouraged to attend.

#### 11. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Cotton provided an update on Snoqualmie Valley Health/Hospital on their new ambulatory center and North Bend clinic. She also indicated if anyone is interested in a tour of the Reclaim facility, to let her know.
- CM Wotton provided an update on the January Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meeting. He also noted the RFQ for Workforce Housing has resulted in a couple of applicants.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

12. 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 7:46 pm, Council took a 5-minute break and went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 8:50 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

At 8:50 pm, Mayor Ross extended Executive Session to 8:55 pm.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk

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