



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING February 27, 2023

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

City Council:

Mayor Katherine Ross, Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, James Mayhew (remote), Cara Christensen, and Jolyon Johnson were present.

City Staff:

Michael Sauerwein, City Administrator; Bob Sterbank, City Attorney; Jen Ferguson, Finance and HR Director (remote); Deana Dean, City Clerk; Mike Chambless, Parks and Public Works Director; Jeff Hamlin, Deputy Parks and Public Works Director (remote); Mark Correia, Fire Chief (remote); Perry Phipps, Police Chief; Emily Arteché, Community Development Director; Andy Latham, IT Support; Drew Bouta, Budget Manager; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst; Chris Miller, Interim IT Director (remote); Patrick Fry, Project Engineer; Anna Astrakhan, Assistant City Attorney (remote).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations

1. **AB23-021:** Proclamation No. 23-03 March 2023 as Resilience Month
The Mayor proclaimed March 2023 as Resilience Month in Snoqualmie. Michelle John, Youth Resilience & Community Resource Coordinator, from Care Team (TRACE) - Empower Youth Network was present and thanked Snoqualmie for their continued commitment to youth.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Fuzzy Fletcher of Snoqualmie, Washington spoke regarding the Snoqualmie Civil Service Rules and Regulations

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes: February 13, 2023, Regular Meeting
3. Approve the Claims Approval Report dated February 27, 2023
4. **AB23-030:** Amendment No. 2 with RH2 Engineers for Utility System Plans

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

Approve the consent agenda.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

ORDINANCES

5. **AB23-027:** 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Amendment
Second Reading of Ordinance 1274.

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

Adopt Ordinance 1274 Amending the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: No further reports.

Community Development Committee: No further reports.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

6. **AB23-016:** Resolution 1635 Ratifying the Third Two-Year Extension of the Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Compostables Collection Agreement with Waste Management. Brief discussion followed with Mike Chambless, Parks and Public Works Director, answering Council questions.

It was moved by CM Benson, seconded by CM Wotton:

Approve Resolution No. 1635 Exercising the Option for a Third Two-Year Extension of the Comprehensive Garbage, Recyclables, and Compostables Collection Agreement.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

7. **AB23-029:** Resolution Awarding Fury Site Works Inc. for the Williams Addition Water Main Replacement Project.

It was moved by CM Benson, seconded by CM Holloway:

Adopt Resolution No. 1636 Awarding a Public Works Contract to Fury Site Works, Inc. for construction of the Williams Addition Water Main Replacement Project and authorize the Mayor to sign.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

Finance & Administration Committee: No further reports.

Committee of the Whole: No further reports.

REPORTS

8. **Mayor's Report:**

- The City of Snoqualmie is hosting the March 22, 2023, Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meeting. There will be several speakers including the CEO of Snoqualmie Valley Health, Renee Jensen, and the King County Assessor, John Wilson, who will speak about assessments and property taxes. There will also be legislative updates from Brandy DeLange from AWC, state legislators, and King County Councilmember. She encouraged councilmembers to attend.

- The state legislature is in session, and she encouraged councilmembers to reach out to them regarding council priorities including requesting funding for the community center expansion and funding for SR18 widening.
- Those that have not met with Una McAlinden, the council retreat facilitator, were encouraged to do so.
- Recognition was given to Phil Bennett, Jason Battles, and Kevin Friesen for their ongoing response to the felled trees and sidewalk repair that happened during the snow and ice storms.
- The public has an opportunity for public input on the extensive two-year project to update the comprehensive plan which is a long-range planning tool that will be established over the next 20-year period. The city draft housing needs assessment and draft housing action plan are available for the public to provide comments directly with the interactive documents. This is available online. community engagement is the key component in creating our final housing action plan that will help achieve Snoqualmie's housing goals.
- Police Officers Pamela Mandery and Nicholas Schulgen participated in the Polar Plunge at Alki Beach last weekend benefitting the special Olympics.

9. **Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:** No reports at this time.

10. **Councilmember Regional Liaison Updates:**

- CM Christensen noted the King Conservation District finished elections although it is not certified yet. They are trying to get on a regular ballot process. On the Public Issues Committee, they are going to be looking at water quality governance, metro service recovery plan, and homeless authority.
- CM Benson noted the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum is trying to secure enough water.
- Mayor Ross noted the King County Flood Control District has not had a meeting yet but will do so later in March. The Regional Transit Committee recently held a meeting to approve the metro work plan for the year.

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. 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 60 minutes.
12. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1), to discuss (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; and/or (iii) Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency lasting approximately 15 minutes.
13. Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) to discuss the potential acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price lasting approximately 15 minutes.

Mayor Ross noted Council would take a five-minute break and the Closed and Executive Sessions would end at approximately 9:10 pm with no action being taken following the Closed Session.

Open session ended at 7:35 pm.

CM Mayhew left the meeting at approximately 8:20 pm due to technical issues.

Closed session ended at 9:14 pm.

First executive session ended at 9:35 pm.

Second executive session ended at 9:59 pm.

It was moved by CM Holloway and seconded by CM Johnson to adjourn the meeting which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk