



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 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, Louis Washington, Cara Christensen, and Jolyon Johnson were present.

It was moved by CM Johnson, seconded by CM Holloway to excuse CM Mayhew absence this evening which passed unanimously.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Patrick Fry, Project Engineer (remote); Brian Lynch, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Interim Fire Chief; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director (remote); Danna McCall, Communication Coordinator (remote); Drew Bouta, Budget Manager; Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst (remote); and Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by CM Holloway to remove AB23-095 from the consent agenda.

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

Approve the agenda as amended.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

CM Mayhew appeared at 7:04 pm.

PRESENTATION

1. Introduction of Pacific West Rail Model Train Museum. Interim City Administrator Mike Chambless introduced Peter Hambling, founder of Pacific West Rail and the model trains, who spoke to the Model Train Museum Project including renderings of the inside and outside of the building, proposed financials, and features of the museum. Laurie Hambling, Rob Nelson, and David Hazelton of Pacific West Rail were also present. Council comments and questions followed.

The agenda bill requesting Council action will occur at the August 14, 2023, Council meeting with a Special Meeting/Workshop to occur on July 31, 2023, at 7:00 pm for Council discussion.

APPOINTMENTS

2. Mayor Pro Tem Councilmember Liaison Appointments. Mayor Pro Tem Holloway recommended CM Washington assume the role as alternate to SCA PIC. CM Mayhew moved to approve the appointment, seconded by CM Johnson which passed unanimously.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2023.
3. Approve the Claims Approval Report dated July 24, 2023.
4. **AB23-096:** City Hall Stairs Project Amendment.

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)

ORDINANCES – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

5. **AB23-095:** ILA for Fire and EM Services for Echo Glen Children's Center. Summary and motion read into the record by CM Christensen. Discussion followed with Interim Chief Bailey answering Council questions.

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

Approve the ILA with Echo Glen Children's Center for Fire and EM Services.

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

CM Christensen provided an update on electric bicycles noting that there are existing laws in place. Next step is public education. Council comments and questions followed.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Parks & Public Works Committee: No report.

Finance & Administration Committee: No report.

Committee of the Whole: No report.

REPORTS

12. Mayor's Report:

- CM Wotton and Mayor Ross presented at the WSDOT meeting regarding the jurisdictional transfer of Snoqualmie Parkway. Additional information will be forthcoming. The next meeting will be in October when they will issue final determination. If approved, it will go to the next legislative session.
- Snoqualmie Valley Transportation, Mt. Si. Senior Center, and the cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie were awarded Puget Sound Regional Council's Vision 2050 Award in the category of Working Together.
- The cities of Snoqualmie and Duvall entered into a settlement agreement effective July 18, 2023.
- Northwest Railway Museum hosted "Day Out with Thomas" train for nine days – all tickets were sold out and the downtown businesses were busy. We thank Northwest Railway for hosting this event.
- Chat with Councilmembers will occur this coming Thursday at Snoqualmie Community Park from 5-6:30 pm before Music in the Park which begins at 6:30 pm.
- Snoqualmie Police Department's National Night Out is August 1, 2023, from 4-8pm.
- The Shop, Ship, Support Snoqualmie marketing campaign encourages residents to shop locally to avoid traffic congestion, save time, and support local businesses. Kudos to city staff and chamber of commerce on this campaign. Brief discussion regarding parking in the downtown area.

13. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports: None.

14. Councilmember Regional Liaison Updates:

- Last week, Mayor Ross toured King County Metro south bus base and facility and learned about operations and electrification.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

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 5 minutes.

Mayor Ross stated council would take a short break and possible action would occur following Executive Session which was expected to end at 8:40 pm.

Executive Session commenced at 8:31 pm.

At 8:40 pm, Council resumed open session.

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

Approve the Separation Agreement between the City of Snoqualmie and Perry Phipps.

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

Mayor Ross indicated Council would enter into additional Executive Sessions as follows:

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.

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 10 minutes.

Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public lasting approximately 15 minutes.

Mayor Ross stated no action would occur following Executive Session. Council will adjourn directly from the Executive Session, which was expected to end at 9:30 pm, and not return to open session.

Executive Session commenced at 8:43 pm.

At 9:34 pm, Executive Session ended. It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Washington to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk