



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING & REGULAR MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 26, 2026 5:30pm – Special Meeting

7:00pm - Regular Meeting

Snoqualmie City Hall, 38624 SE River Street & Zoom

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA, 5:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Mayhew called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

City Council: Councilmembers Bryan Holloway, Catherine Cotton, Daniel Murphy, Robert Wotton, Andre Testman and Jolyon Johnson (virtual).

Executive: Mayor Mayhew.

City Staff: City Attorney Dena Burke, Executive Assistant Rebecca Solem, and IT Systems Specialist Jimmie Betts.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to excuse Councilmember Washington. Seconded by Councilmember Wotton.

Motion passed: 6-0.

AGENDA APPROVAL.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to approve the agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Motion passed: 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Mayhew announced that the Council would be entering into an 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. He stated that the executive session would begin at 5:34pm and would end at 7:00pm with no action to follow.

In attendance at the executive session was Mayor James Mayhew, City Attorney Dena Burke, Outside Counsel Bob Sterbank, and Councilmembers Holloway, Cotton, Murphy, Wotton, Testman, and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson (virtual).

5:34pm: Executive Session began.

6:59pm: Executive session ended, and Council returned to normal session.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Mayhew adjourned the meeting at 6:59pm.

REGULAR AGENDA, 7 PM.

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

City Council: Councilmembers Daniel Murphy, Robert Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Catherine Cotton, Andrian Testman and Mayor Pro Tem Jolyon Johnson (virtual).

City Staff: City Attorney Dena Burke, Parks and Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin, Finance Director Drew Bouta, Executive Assistant Rebecca Solem, Community Development Director Mona Davis, Engineer Patrick Fry, Interim Police Chief Gary Horejsi, and IT Systems Specialist Jimmie Betts.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to excuse Councilmember Washington. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Motion passed: 6-0.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Holloway.

AGENDA APPROVAL.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway. Council discussion followed.

Motion to amend the agenda: Councilmember Cotton made a motion to move Item 20 – Discussion of potential BESS Land Use in Unincorporated UGA and Item 21 – BESS working group to below Public Comment but before Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Wotton.

Motion to amend the agenda was passed: 6-0.

Motion to amend the agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to add an agenda item under appointments for the appointment of a Planning Commissioner. Seconded by Councilmember Testman.

Motion to amend the agenda passed: 6-0.

Motion to amend the agenda to allow public comments for items not the agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made motion to suspend the Council Rules of Procedure to rule to allow for public comment during the public comment period for items not on the agenda to allow for comments on the Potential Land Use in Incorporated King County. Seconded by Councilmember Cotton.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Motion: To approve agenda as amended.

Motion passed: 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS.

Appointments.

1. Andre Testman – City Council Seat #6.

Andre Testman was Sworn in by City Attorney Dena Burke.

2. City Administrator.

Mayor Mayhew briefed that the City is in discussions regarding contract matters for a new City Administrator and that he expects to bring forward an appointment at the next City Council Meeting on June 08, 2026.

3. Council Committee Assignments.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson briefed that he would like to replace Councilmember Holloway from his temporary appointment to the Public Safety Committee and appointed Councilmember Testman.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to approve the appointment of Councilmember Testman to the Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Councilmember Wotton. Council discussion followed.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson briefed the Council. Councilmember Wotton made a motion to appoint Councilmember Testman as the liaison to the YMCA and Snoqualmie Valley School District, and as the tribe alt. Seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Commission Appointment.

Mayor James Mayhew appointed Tanya Lavoy to Planning Commission.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to approve appointment of Tanya Lavoy to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Proclamations.

4. Pride Month - June 2026.

Mayor Mayhew read a proclamation declaring the month of June 2026 as Pride Month in the City of Snoqualmie. Greg Jamiel, the head of SnoValley Pride, accepted the Proclamation and stated that on June 29th, 2026 there will be a drag show at Sigillo Cellars and the Pride in the Patch event will take place in September 2026.

Presentations.

5. Hospital HUB Update.

Executive Director Renee Jensen of Snoqualmie Valley Hospital presented updates on the HUB Project at Snoqualmie Valley Hospital. Council discussion followed.

6. Grant Application Summary – Meadowbrook Bridge.

Parks and Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin updated the Council on the status of the grant application request for funds for work on the existing Meadowbrook Bridge and he stated that Representative Kim Schrier had advanced the application to the Federal House Appropriations Committee. Council discussion followed.

7. Sidewalk Program Update.

Engineer Patrick Fry updated the Council on the Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program and provided information on how the community can report trip hazards. Council discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.

No public comments were made.

DISCUSSION.

8. Discussion of Potential BESS Land Use in Unincorporated Urban Growth Area.

There was no discussion on the item.

Motion to amend the agenda: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to move item 17 AB26-027: An Ordinance of The City of Snoqualmie Establishing a Moratorium on New Battery Energy Storage System Facilities and Establishing a Work Program for Development of Regulations to follow item 20 on the amended agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Murphy.

Motion passed: 6-0.

9. AB26-027: An Ordinance of The City of Snoqualmie Establishing a Moratorium on New Battery Energy Storage System Facilities and Establishing a Work Program for Development of Regulations.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson read the second reading of Ordinance No. 1322. Council discussion followed.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1322. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway.

The following people made public comments:

- Danielle W.
- Sydney S.

Motion to amend: Councilmember Murphy made a motion to amend AB26-027 in its entirety with language presented by Councilmember Murphy. Seconded by Councilmember Wotton. Council discussion followed.

Mayor Mayhew stated that the meeting would be recessed for 5 minutes at 8:12pm.
The meeting resumed at 8:20pm.

City Attorney Dena Burke stated that there was a scrivener's error in the ordinance that will be fixed by the City Attorney or City Clerk. Council discussion followed.

Motion to amend was passed: 6-0.

Motion: To pass the amended agenda bill as amended.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to hold a special meeting on Friday, May 29th, 2026 at 6:00pm for discussion and possible action related to Ordinance 1322. Seconded by Councilmember Holloway. Council discussion followed.

Motion to be amended: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to add a second agenda item for the special meeting held on Friday, May 29th, 2026 in regard to a letter to the utility commission. Seconded by Councilmember Cotton.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Motion to amend: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to amend to change the meeting time on Friday, May 29th, 2026 from 6:00pm to 5:00pm. Seconded by Councilmember Cotton. Council discussion followed.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Motion to amend: Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to strike the discussion of moratorium ordinance from Friday, May 29th, 2026 special meeting held at 5:00pm and add a special meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026 at 5:00pm to discuss the moratorium. There was no second. The motion failed for lack of second.

Motion to amend: Councilmember Wotton made a motion to add a special meeting on Wednesday, June 23rd, 2026 at 6:00pm to discuss the moratorium ordinance and letter to the utilities commission. There was no second. The motion failed for lack of second.

Amended Motion: To hold a special meeting on Friday, May 29th, 2026, at 5:00pm for discussion and possible action related to Moratorium Ordinance 1322 and a discussion of a letter to the utilities commission with potential action to follow. Council discussion followed.

Amended Motion passed: 6-0.

10. BESS Working Group.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to charter a Snoqualmie Community Working Group to work on a letter of response to King County Permit in regard to the BESS facility to eventually be adopted by Council. Seconded by Councilmember Cotton. Council discussion followed.

Motion passed: 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA.

11. Approve the City Council Special Meeting Minutes: April 29, 2026.
12. Approve the City Council Special Meeting Minutes: May 6, 2026.
13. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes: May 11, 2026.
14. Approve the City Council Special Meeting Minutes: May 13, 2026.
15. Approval of the City Council Retreat Minutes: May 14th and 16th, 2026.
16. Approve the Claims Report dated May 26, 2026.
17. AB26-022: 2026 Fireworks Stand Approval Impact Ministries (Safeway Parking Lot).
18. AB 26-023: 2026 Fireworks Stand Approval Impact Ministries (Lot 213 Railroad Ave SE).

Motion: Councilmember Wotton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson.

Motion passed: 6-0.

19. AB26-021: Ordinance Amending the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson read the second reading of the ordinance. Council discussion followed.

Motion: Mayor Pre Tem Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance amending the 2025-2026 biennial budget. Seconded by Councilmember Wotton.

Motion to amend: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to amend the agenda bill and add the following words: Within three months the administration will present to the City Council the metrics to be used to access the impact of the position and within three years the administration will present to the City Council the status of the metrics' performance. Seconded by Councilmember Testman. Council discussion followed.

Motion to amend passed the agenda bill passed: 6-0.

Motion: To approve AB26-021 as amended.

Motion passed: 5-1. Nay – Testman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee:

20. AB26-020: Issaquah Jail Interlocal Agreement.

Motion: Wotton made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the 2026 amendment to the interlocal agreement for inmate housing. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson. Council discussion followed.

Motion passed: 6-0.

Councilmember Wotton briefed and thanked Councilmember Holloway for his service on the Public Safety Committee. He also briefed on e-bikes and speed enforcement emphasis in school zones on the parkway.

Community Development Committee:

No report.

Parks and Public Works Committee:

No report.

Finance & Administration Committee:

No report.

Committee of Whole:

No report.

21. Flood Event Update.

The update was that no changes in status have occurred since the last report.

22. Commission/Liaison Reports.

No report was made.

23. Director Reports.

Director reports were provided in the agenda packet.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Councilmember Holloway made a motion to adjourn at 9:30pm. Seconded by May Pro Tem Johnson.

Motion passed: 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Kimberly Agfalvi, City Clerk