



# **CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES**

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### **APRIL 28, 2025**

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#### **ROUNDTABLE MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ross called the Roundtable Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**City Council:** Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

It was moved by CM Johnson, seconded by CM Holloway to excuse CM Washington from the Roundtable meeting which passed unanimously.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff:** Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support; and Kim Pratt, legal counsel for the city.

**AGENDA APPROVAL** - It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Cotton to approve the agenda as amended which was passed unanimously.

It was moved by CM Benson, seconded by CM Holloway to suspend Council Rules of Procedure to add public comment which passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT – ADD ON**

- Wes Blaney spoke regarding the home that is subject to this evening's Special Business.

#### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

1. Petition for Vacation of Certain Right-of-Way.

At 6:07 pm, discussion continued with Council questions answered by Kim Pratt, Counsel for the City.

Applicant rebuttal began at 6:21 pm for 5 minutes.

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Applicant spoke again at 6:35 pm for 1 minute.

Counsel Pratt spoke again at 6:36 pm for 2 minutes.

Council discussion followed. This matter is continued to May 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm for Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The roundtable meeting ended at 6:46 pm.

## REGULAR MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Ross called the Regular Meeting to order 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:** Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Phil Bennett, Deputy Parks & Public Works Director; Christopher Brown, Deputy Fire Chief; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Jennifer Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; and Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support.

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

### AGENDA APPROVAL

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

**Approve the agenda.**

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

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

#### Appointments

2. Fire Department Badge Pinning Ceremony. Chief Bailey introduced Firefighter Juan Oseguera and spoke to his experience and qualifications. Badge pinning performed by Deputy Chief Brown. Helmet presented to FF Oseguera by Mayor Ross. Photos followed.
3. **AB25-058:** Community Development/Economic Development Director Confirmation. This item was introduced by Mayor Ross.

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

**Confirm the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Mona Davis as Community Development/Economic Development Director.**

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

#### Proclamations

4. **25-07:** Small Business Week. Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Ross.

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

- Debra Landers, of North Bend, spoke regarding Art Off the Rails

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. 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 7:14 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 7:25 pm.

At 7:25 pm, City Administrator Chambless announced outside the Mt Si Conference Room that Executive Session was extended to 7:35 pm.

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Council returned to open session at 7:45 pm and the meeting resumed at 7:48 pm.

## CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated April 14, 2025.
7. Approve the Claims Report dated April 28, 2025.
8. **AB25-055:** Job Order Contracting Consultant Contract Extension
9. **AB25-056:** Northwest Railway Museum Restroom Maintenance and Operations Agreement.

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

**Approve the consent agenda.**

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Safety Committee:** There was no report.

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

**Parks & Public Works Committee:**

10. **AB25-053:** Lease Agreement with Northwest Landscapes LLC. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Parks & Public Works Deputy Director Phil Bennett spoke to this item and answered Council questions. Additional information provided by City Attorney Burke.

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

**Adopt Resolution 1715 authorizing the Mayor to sign a lease agreement with Northwest Landscape Services LLC.**

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

11. **Utility Rate Study Presentation and Update.** Introduction and presentation by CIP Manager Dylan Gamble. Council comments and questions made throughout the presentation. Staff was provided direction and Council approved this item to be heard at the May 12, 2025, City Council meeting.

**Finance & Administration Committee:** CM Holloway spoke to upcoming city planned events.

**Committee of the Whole:**

12. City Council Priorities 2025 Affirmation. Discussion led by CM Holloway. Council was directed to send changes to CM Holloway.

**REPORTS**

13. Mayor's Report:

- Snoqualmie has been ranked #4 safest city in Washington.
- North Bend's final decision regarding police services is scheduled for May 6, 2025.
- State Legislature adjourned on Sunday and approved three biennial budgets.

14. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Cotton provided updates on the Ridge Merchants Association meeting, upcoming roadwork on Hwy 202 from the Parkway to Fall City, Creative Arts District, new Muslim church up on the Ridge, Snoqualmie Valley Health SAFE Program is available and they are on track for their HUB groundbreaking, and bird flu or H5N1 in Western Washington.
- CM Johnson noted Snoqualmie received a shout out in a major TV production recently.
- CM Christensen is on the nominating committee for SCA and is looking for volunteers for various committees.
- CM Washington noted Snoqualmie Watershed Forum is having a tour on the South Fork of the Skykomish on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

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Deana Dean, City Clerk