



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 26, 2026

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

City Council: Councilmembers Bryan Holloway, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen, Daniel Murphy, and Mayor Pro Tem Jolyon Johnson.

City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Mona Davis, Community and Economic Director; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks and Public Works Director; Kim Johnson, HR Director; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Appointments

1. Appointments to Commissions and Committees – Mayor Mayhew made appointments as follows:

Art Commission: Maria Hurley and YiJu Miller. Economic Development Commission: Kristina Hudson, Paula Shively and Adrian Webb. Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Selena Duan, Laurie Hay, Richard Anderson and Kelly Coughlin. Planning Commission: Darrell Lambert and Andre Testman.

It was moved by CM Johnson; seconded by CM Washington:

Approve the appointments for Committees and Commissions.

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

2. Council Assignments – CM Johnson spoke on his recommendations and led a discussion with Councilmembers regarding having the Mayor be an alternate for SCA PIC. Councilmembers and the Mayor joined the discussion. CM Murphy stated his interest in being the SCA PIC Alternate.

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

Approve CM Murphy as the alternate for SCA PIC.

It was moved by CM Wotton; seconded by CM Murphy:

Approve the appointments for Committees and Commissions made by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson and approve CM Murphy as the alternate for SCA PIC.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Jesse Skorupa of Snoqualmie spoke on behalf of Snoqualmie Valley Indivisible. He thanked the City for their public safety and community trust. He asked the City to proactively evaluate its policies and preparedness if ICE activity increases in the Snoqualmie Valley.
- Cristie Coffing of Snoqualmie spoke on immigration and federal law, along with wanting to know the administration's statement in response to ICE.
- Jen Good of Snoqualmie spoke on the need for City Council to have a policy and procedure ready for when ICE comes.
- Debra Landers of North Bend spoke on representing North Bend Art and Industry, along with the Snoqualmie Valley Center for Creativity. She discussed the new programs for 2026.
- Andre Testman of Snoqualmie spoke on ICE recommendations and the City being prepared for when ICE comes. He hopes and requests that the City disclose flock technology, and the City state its commitment to protecting the constitutional rights of all its residents.
- Mike Z. of Snoqualmie thanked the City Council for the job they do. He spoke on the City's need for a public statement on ICE, that is thoughtful and firm.
- Karen Rocco of unincorporated King County spoke on the impact that ICE has on students.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated January 12, 2026.
4. Approve the Claims Report dated January 26, 2026.
5. AB25-126: 2026-2031 Parks Property Tax Levy Agreement
6. AB26-001: Sunnyside Interlocal Agreement Addendum

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

7. **AB25-127:** Independent Force Investigation Team - King County (IFIT-KC). Introduction read into the record by CM Wotton.

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

Authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed amended agreement allowing the City of Seattle to join King County -IFIT

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

Community Development Committee: There was no report.

Parks & Public Works Committee: There was no report.

Finance & Administration Committee:

8. **Discussion:** Flood Recovery and Financial Update – Director Bouta led the discussion. He spoke on how the flood will impact the City’s Reserve Fund. Director Bouta further discussed how the Reserve Fund works. Councilmembers and the Mayor joined the discussion to provide insight and ask questions.

Committee of the Whole:

9. Legislative Priorities. CM Johnson led the discussion. He made recommendations for edits to the document. Councilmembers discussed changes they would like to see made to the document.

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

To adopt the Legislative Priorities with references stricken from the document.

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

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

Have the references restored, at least for internal consumption.

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

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

Strike the word “for at least” to restoring the references.

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

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

Strike “and some property crimes” from the Legislative Priorities document.

FAILED: 3-4 (Murphy, Aye; Wotton, Nay; Holloway, Nay; Washington, Aye; Cotton, Nay; Christensen, Nay; Johnson, Aye)

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

Strike “King County has proposed cutting funding to the Crisis Intervention Training program at the police academy by 75%. This will reduce the number of classes available from 12 per year to only 3, which will only accommodate 90 students per year.”

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

REPORTS

7. Mayor’s Report included:
 - New Job positions within the City are posted.
 - Community events coming up; Cops & Cones, and Cops & Hops.
 - Coffee with Mayor event.
 - US 8th Congressional District Representative Kim Schrier was in Snoqualmie. She is very interested in supporting the community, including flood recovery.
 - The Sound Cities Association Board and Committee orientation is coming up.
 - Interim City Clerk, Robert Thrall was admitted to the Washington State Bar.

8. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Johnson spoke to Council regarding the Opium Disbursement Settlement.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

James Mayhew, Mayor

Attest:

Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk