



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 14, 2025

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, 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; 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 Christensen to approve the agenda which was passed unanimously.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

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

Public Hearing opened at 6:03 pm.

- Johnny Jones of Seattle inquired about the subject property.

Public Hearing closed at 6:06 pm.

This item was introduced by City Attorney Dena Burke.

Steve DeShazo, In-House Counsel for Petitioner, provided testimony which began at 6:08 pm.

Dean Williams, Counsel for Petitioner, provided additional testimony.

Counsel Q&A began at 6:20 pm and was extended an additional five minutes.

Kim Pratt, Counsel for the City, provided testimony which began at 6:36 pm.

Counsel Q&A began at 6:46 pm.

This matter will reconvene on April 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Counsel for the City will have four minutes eighteen seconds plus an additional five minutes – same as was given to Petitioner.

ADJOURNMENT - The roundtable meeting ended at 6:53 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; Mona Davis, Interim Community Development Director/Senior Planner; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; and Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

Amend the agenda, removing the first Executive Session.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Appointments

2. **AB25-052:** Appointment to the Parks & Events Commission. This item was introduced by Mayor Ross. Rene Price appeared in person.

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

Confirm the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Rene Price to the Parks & Events Commission.

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

Proclamations

3. **25-05:** Volunteer Appreciation Week. Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Ross. The city will be celebrating its volunteers at a Volunteer Appreciation Event on Wednesday April 30, 2025, at 5:30 pm at Meadowbrook Interpretive Center.
4. **25-06:** Arbor Day. Proclamation read into the record by Mayor Ross. The city will be celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday April 26, 2025, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Centennial Fields.

Presentations

5. **State of the City.** A video narrated by Mayor Ross was shown which outlined the accomplishments of the city as well as goals for 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

6. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated March 18, 2025, March 24, 2025, March 28, 2025, and April 7, 2025.
7. Approve the Claims Report dated April 14, 2025.

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)

ORDINANCES

8. **AB25-003:** Amending Utility Rates for Years 2025-2030. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Council comments and questions followed. Information provided by CIP Manager Dylan Gamble.

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

Approve Ordinance 1303 amending the City of Snoqualmie Utility Rates for the years of 2025-2030.

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

Table this item until an interim FCS report is available.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: There was no report.

Community Development Committee:

9. **AB25-051:** Hailstone Trust Property Acquisition. Introduction read into the record by CM Washington. Council questions answered by Budget Manager Janna Walker and Interim Community Development Director Mona Davis.

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

Adopt Resolution 1712 approving a Purchase and Sale Agreement for Parcel No. 784920-0455 and authorizing the Mayor to sign.

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

Parks & Public Works Committee:

10. **AB25-048:** Awarding the Reclaimed Water Distribution System Improvements. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin and CIP Manager Dylan Gamble answered Council questions.

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

Approve Resolution 1713 awarding the Reclaimed Water Distribution System Improvements to Prospect Construction, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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

11. **AB25-049:** On-Call Water & Sewer Design Services. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Additional information provided by Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin.

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

Approve Resolution 1714 selecting RH2 for on-call water & sewer design services.

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

12. **AB25-050:** Amendment for Water Reclamation Facility Phase 3 Services During Construction. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin answered Council questions.

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

Approve Amendment No. 4 to the agreement with RH2 Engineering for services during construction.

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

Finance & Administration Committee: CM Holloway noted there have been discussions at the Council Retreat and Finance & Administration Committee for more community engagement and Council participation. He encouraged Councilmembers to attend the upcoming events including the Easter Egg Hunt and Arbor Day Event.

Committee of the Whole: CM Holloway led the discussion regarding North Bend.

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

Advise NB that we would support SNOPAC meetings with a frequency of once a month if they so choose or every other month, under the existing ILA.

PASSED (Under modified motion: Advise NB that we would support SNOPAC meetings with a frequency of most likely every other month, as described in the proposed ILA.) 7-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Christensen, Johnson)

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

To suspend Council Rules and add SNOPAC to the agenda.

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

It was moved by CM Johnson, CM Holloway to:

Modify motion to say as described in proposed ILA.

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

REPORTS

13. Mayor's Report:

- Emergency Proclamation 24-23 was rescinded on March 31, 2025.
- North Bend City Council will be discussing scoring of the RFPs with staff on April 15, 2025. The council was encouraged to attend.
- The mayor attended a WSDOT SR 18 meeting and provided an update.
- The city submitted its application for King County Parks Levy for Aquatics Grant which included several letters of support.

14. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Cotton provided updates on Snoqualmie Valley Health.
- CM Christensen provided an update on Sound Cities Association (SCA) and Downtown Merchants meetings.
- CM Wotton provided updates on the Affordable Workforce Housing RFQ, Mustard Seed senior housing, and SnoValley Innovation Center.
- CM Johnson provided an update on the Planning Commission.

15. Department Reports for the month of March 2025. This item was reviewed by City Administrator Mike Chambless.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. 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 lasting approximately 15 minutes.

At 9:20 pm, Council took a 5-minute break and then went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 9:40 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean, City Clerk