



PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2026

This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Cotton called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Committee Members: CM Daniel Murphy were present.

CM Cara Christensen’s absence was excused.

Mayor James Mayhew attended as well.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Andrew Vining, Project Engineer; Robert Thrall, Interim City Clerk; Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant; and Andrew Jongerkryg, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL – The agenda was approved as amended. (regarding Items for future discussion)

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

MINUTES – The minutes dated February 3, 2026, were approved.

DISCUSSION

1. **King Street, Snoqualmie Parkway Railroad Crossing Improvements** – Vining and Anderson presented required upgrades to the aging King St/Snoqualmie Pkwy rail crossing, outlining pedestrian-safety additions, detection-system and surface replacements, and water-main work, along with significant closures and detours routed via I-90. Council directed staff to apply North Bend lessons on truck turn-arounds and signage, coordinate communications with state partners and mapping platforms, and schedule work to avoid school-year routes and major events. Project must be authorized by September.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- **Truck turn-around planning** – review options and requirements to prevent freight vehicles from getting stuck during closures.
- **Signage and traffic-control improvements** – evaluate enhanced advance-warning signage based on North Bend lessons learned.
- **Comprehensive communication strategy** – plan for coordinated outreach to residents, businesses, and freight operators.
- **Coordination with external partners** – discuss engagement with WSDOT, WSP, Google Maps, and Waze for accurate detour routing.
- **Construction scheduling constraints** – revisit timing to avoid impacts to school bus routes, Boeing Classic, and Snoqualmie Days.

- **Authorization timeline** — confirm steps needed to meet the September authorization requirement.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

Minutes prepared by Rebecca Solem, Temp Executive Assistant.

Recorded meeting audio is available on the city website after the meeting.

Minutes approved at the 3/18/2026, 2026, Parks & Public Works Committee Meeting.