



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

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March 27, 2023

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, James Mayhew, Cara Christensen, and Jolyon Johnson were present.

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

Excuse Councilmember Holloway.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

City Staff Present: Mike Sauerwein, City Administrator; Bob Sterbank, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Jennifer Ferguson, Finance & HR Director; Drew Bouta, Budget Manager; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst; and Perry Phipps, Police Chief.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for the planning or adoption of a strategy or position to be taken during the course of any collective bargaining proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Mayor Ross stated no action would be taken during the Closed Session and Council would adjourn directly from the Closed Session which was expected to end at 6:50 pm. Closed Session commenced at 6:04 pm.

Councilmember Holloway appeared at 6:23 pm.

CLOSE OF MEETING:

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

End closed session and close roundtable meeting.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

Closed session and roundtable ended at approximately 6:52 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ross called the Regular Meeting to order 7:00 pm

City Council:

Mayor Katherine Ross, Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Rob Wotton, Bryan Holloway, James Mayhew, Cara Christensen, and Jolyon Johnson were present.

City Staff:

Michael Sauerwein, City Administrator; Bob Sterbank, City Attorney; Jen Ferguson, Finance and HR Director; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Mike Chambless, Parks and Public Works Director; Mark Correia, Fire Chief; Perry Phipps, Police Chief; Brian Lynch, Police Captain; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director (remote); Jimmie Betts, IT Support; Dylan Gamble, CIP Project Manager; Drew Bouta, Budget Manager; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Krista Hintz, Management Analyst; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator (remote); Anna Astrakhan, Assistant City Attorney (remote).

Also present were Jonathan Scofield and Conor Wilson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Amend the agenda to include 2023 LTAC funding and council candidate interviews under committee of the whole.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

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

Approve the agenda as amended.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

It was moved by CM Wotton to remove AB23-041 from the consent agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes: March 13, 2023, Regular Meeting
2. Approve the Claims Approval Report dated March 27, 2023
3. **AB23-038:** Resolution No. 1642 Awarding a Public Works Contract to PSF Mechanical, Inc for the Fire Station Mechanical Upgrades Project
4. **AB23-042:** Agreement with FCS for 2024 Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities and Utilities Element

5. **AB23-043:** Approving Attorney General's Office Opioid Distributor and Manufacturer Settlement.
6. **AB23-044:** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with IAFF Local 2878 Regarding Article 15.4 Promotions.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

ITEMS ADDED TO THE AGENDA – OUT OF ORDER

7. **AB23-041:** Amending the Snoqualmie Personnel Policies by Rescinding and Repealing Policy 2.33. Summary read into the record by CM Holloway. Discussion followed.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 1640 and authorize the Mayor to sign.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

ORDINANCES

8. **AB23-032:** Vehicle Trespass. Second Reading of Ordinance 1275. Summary and motion read into the record by CM Christensen. Discussion followed.

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

Adopt Ordinance 1275 Vehicle Trespass.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: No further reports.

Community Development Committee: No further reports.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

9. **AB23-014:** Riverwalk Project - NW of Sandy Cove - Consultant Design and Architectural Services. Summary and motion read into the record by CM Benson. Discussion followed with Dylan Gamble, CIP Project Manager, and Mike Chambless, Parks and Public Works Director, answering council questions.

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

Adopt Resolution 1641 approving consultant contract with Berger Partnership.

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

Return this item to committee.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

Finance & Administration Committee:

10. Council Chambers AV Update: City Administrator Mike Sauerwein spoke to the project and proposed upgrades to the council chambers AV system. Council questions and comments followed.

Committee of the Whole:

11. **AB23-048:** Approval of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Recommendation for 2023 Funding Allocations.

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

Approve the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee recommendation for 2023 Funding Allocations.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

12. **Council Vacancy Interviews:** Discussion regarding questions and meeting procedures.

REPORTS

13. Mayor's Report:

- This past weekend was the two-day council retreat. She thanked everyone for attending, staff and directors, and all those that made it happen including the facilitator, Una McAlinden of Creative Strategy Solutions. Topics covered were council priorities, governance, and strategic planning.
- She made public comment to the Growth Management Planning Commission (GMPC) regarding our comments on the UGA expansion policies and the two comments were included in the letter submitted to the GMPC and the recommendation was for deletion of the year 1994 which establishes eligibility for the four to one program and adding language implementing Senate Bill 5493 allowing use of properties to swap. Comments were well received by other communities in the same situation as ours and Mountain to Sound also provided public comment in support of our recommendations and Snoqualmie's UGA.
- She presented to the school board last week regarding the community center expansion and pool concepts and a lot of good discussion including considering more discussion regarding investment for swimming curriculum and competition.

14. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- Councilmember Wotton: Attended the March 23 meeting of the King County Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee which Snoqualmie hosted. Chief Perry Phipps and Behavioral Specialist Stephanie Butler presented on behalf of Snoqualmie's program on behavioral health and the impact that it is having. Also present was North Bend Councilmember Mary Miller. He also attended the SCA Caucus Meeting and spoke to the potential closure of the King County Jail which needs to be on everyone's radar to look at alternatives. He noted Chief Phipps and Stephanie Butler did an amazing job and raised a lot of interest from other cities.

15. Councilmember Regional Liaison Updates:

- Councilmember Christensen noted KCD meets soon although there is no agenda yet.
- The Mayor noted the King County Flood District has its first meeting this week. The Regional Transit Committee spoke recently about Metro Rapid Ride buses and is looking at instituting the K-Line by 2026.
- Councilmember Benson noted the next Snoqualmie Watershed Forum is in May.
- Councilmember Wotton noted in the House, the Transportation Committee passed the SR18 funding that included the federal funding that was originally in the package and that moves onto the House floor and that is the Senate bill, so it is waiting for a decision from the House floor.

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Possible executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(i) and (iii): 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, specifically:

- (i) Litigation that has been specifically threatened to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party; and
- (iii) Litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice that the agency has identified when public discussion of the litigation or legal risks is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

And

Closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for the planning or adoption of a strategy or position to be taken during the course of any collective bargaining proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Potential action may occur following conclusion of the closed/executive session.

At 8:19 pm, Mayor Ross indicated Council would take a 5-minute break and then enter into Executive and Closed Session until approximately 9:30 pm.

Councilmember Mayhew left at 9:06 pm.

At 9:45 pm, Council came out of Executive Session.

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

Approve the settlement and release agreement between the City of Snoqualmie and the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems and authorize the Mayor to sign.

PASSED: 4-1 (Wotton, Holloway, Christensen, Johnson)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn meeting.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Christensen, Johnson)

Mayor Ross adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE



Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Deana Dean, City Clerk