



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 24, 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, and Catherine Cotton.

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

Excuse CM's Christensen, Washington, and Johnson from this evening's meeting.

PASSED: 4-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton)

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

CM Johnson arrived at 6:03 pm.

CM Washington arrived at 6:04 pm.

City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Gretchen Garrett, Deputy City Clerk/Legal Assistant; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL - It was moved by CM Wotton; seconded by CM Cotton to approve the agenda which was passed unanimously.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

At 6:04 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 6:09 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

2. 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 6:09 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 6:30 pm.

At 6:30 pm, Mayor Ross announced outside Council Chambers, into the lobby of City Hall, that the Executive Session was extended to 6:35 pm.

ADJOURNMENT - The roundtable meeting ended at 6:35 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, and Jo Johnson. CM Christensen's absence was excused at the 6:00 pm Roundtable Meeting.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff: Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Gary Horejsi, Acting Police Chief/Police Captain; Dyan Losvar, Police Officer; Kobe Hoyla, Police Officer; Mona Davis, Acting Community Development Director/Senior Planner; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; Gretchen Garrett, Deputy City Clerk/Legal Assistant; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Johnson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearings

3. **AB25-003:** Amending Utility Rates for Years 2025-2030. Mayor Ross opened the public hearing at 7:01 pm. No one wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed at 7:02 pm.

Appointments

4. Ceremonial Oath of Office: Police Officer Dylan Losvar. Introduction made by Acting Police Chief Gary Horejsi. Officer Losvar read the oath into the record. Photos followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Debra Landers from North Bend commented on the offerings of the nonprofit North Bend Art & Industry.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated March 7, 2025, and March 10, 2025.
6. Approve the Claims Report dated March 24, 2025.
7. **AB25-041:** Correction to Claims Reports.
8. **AB25-042:** Agreement for Ambulance Services.

9. **AB25-043:** Sunnyside Jail Interlocal Agreement Renewal.
10. **AB25-046:** Setting Date and Time for Right of Way Vacation Hearing.
11. **AB25-047:** Resolution Designating Applicant Agent for the State of Washington Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Sub-Application and Grant

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

Approve the consent agenda.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Johnson)

ORDINANCES

12. **AB25-003:** Amending Utility Rates for Years 2025-2030. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson. CIP Manager Dylan Gamble answered Council questions. This is the first reading of Ordinance 1303. The second reading and proposed adoption will be at the April 14, 2025, City Council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

13. **AB25-044:** Yakima County Jail Services Interlocal Agreement. Introduction read into the record by CM Wotton. Acting Police Chief Gary Horejsi answered Council questions.

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

Approve the Yakima County Jail Services Interlocal Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Johnson)

Community Development Committee: There was no report.

Parks & Public Works Committee: There was no report.

Finance & Administration Committee:

14. **AB25-045:** Professional Services Agreement with BERK Consulting to create City of Snoqualmie Strategic Plan. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway. City Administrator Mike Chambless answered Council questions.

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

Approve the professional services agreement with BERK Consulting and authorize the Mayor to sign.

PASSED: 6-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Washington, Cotton, Johnson)

Committee of the Whole:

15. Review draft Council Retreat agenda for March 28, 2025. CM Holloway led the discussion. Council approved the agenda with one hour dedicated to the review of Council Priorities.

REPORTS

16. Mayor's Report:

- Wednesday, March 26, 2025, Snoqualmie is hosting the Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meeting at Meadowbrook Interpretive Center.
- Wednesday, March 26, 2025, the Growth Management Planning Council will meet and decide on our requested growth target reduction.
- Legislators are working on the capital budget next week. Now is the time to reach out and highlight funding for the Community Center expansion.
- House and Senate budgets were just released, and we are watching to determine the potential impact on the HW 18 project.
- Staff are applying for the King County Aquatics Levy Grant next week.
- Staff is taking First Aid/CPR classes.
- Metro bus will be enforcing fares starting March 31st.

17. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Wotton thanked Mayor Ross for attending the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce event and spoke to the Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee, Affordable Housing RFQ Selection Committee, an upcoming affordable housing tour of Mustard Seed of Key Peninsula, and to contact police or fire if you are interested in a public safety ride along.
- CM Washington provided an update on the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum ILA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. 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 7:57 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 8:27 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

At 8:27 pm, Mayor Ross announced outside Council Chambers, into the lobby of City Hall, that Executive Session was extended to 8:37 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE



Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deana Dean".

Deana Dean, City Clerk