



# CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 25, 2024

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### ROUNDTABLE MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** Mayor Ross called the Roundtable Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**City Council:** Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Robert Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Catherine Cotton, and Jo Johnson.

It was moved by CM Holloway seconded by CM Wotton to:  
**Excuse Councilmember Washington from this evening's meeting.**  
PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Johnson)

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff Present:** Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director; Tami Wood, Revenue Manager; and Andy Latham, IT Support.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Cotton to:  
**Approve the agenda.**  
PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Johnson)

### SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. **Comprehensive Plan: Transportation Element Continued.** Community Development Director Emily Arteche continued the discussion at recommendation #4 from the March 11, 2024, City Council meeting. Discussion followed and revisions were noted. This matter will be brought back at the April 8, 2024, City Council meeting on a motion to accept Council Roundtable edits.
2. **Comprehensive Plan: Capital Facilities and Utilities Element.** Community Development Director Emily Arteche opened the discussion. This item is continued to the April 8, 2024, City Council Roundtable meeting.
3. **Comprehensive Plan: Economic Development Element.** Due to time limits, this item will be heard at the April 8, 2024, City Council Roundtable meeting.

It was moved by CM Wotton, seconded by CM Holloway to adjourn. The roundtable meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

### REGULAR MEETING

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

**City Council:** Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Robert Wotton, Bryan Holloway, Catherine Cotton, and Jo Johnson.

It was moved by CM Holloway seconded by CM Wotton to:  
**Excuse Councilmember Christensen from this evening's meeting.**  
PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Johnson)

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff:**

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Gary Horejsi, Police Captain; Chase Smith, Police Sergeant; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Melinda Black, Police Administrative Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Danna McCall, Communication Coordinator; Andrew Vining, Project Engineer; Patrick Fry, Project Engineer; Gail Folkins, Communications Specialist (remote); Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director; and Andy Latham, IT Support.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

It was moved by CM Johnson; seconded by CM Holloway to:  
**Approve the agenda as amended.**  
PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Johnson)

It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Johnson to:  
**Add Council Retreat Agenda to Committee of the Whole.**  
PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Johnson)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Appointments**

4. Oath of Office and Badge Pinning: Police Captain Gary Horejsi. Chief Lynch introduced Captain Horejsi. Oath of Office administered by Mayor Ross. Captain Horejsi thanked the Mayor and Council and said a few words. Photos followed.
5. Badge Pinning: Police Sergeant Chase Smith. Chief Lynch introduced Sergeant Smith. Sergeant Smith thanked members of the department and said a few words. Photos followed.
6. **AB24-041:** Re-Appointment to the Civil Service Commission.

It was moved by CM Wotton; seconded by CM Holloway to:  
**Confirm the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint Grahame Ross to the Civil Service Commission.**  
PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Cotton, Johnson)

## Presentations

7. Sound Cities Association by Issaquah Mayor Pauly who spoke to local and regional opportunities within Sound Cities Association and encouraged councilmembers to become active to ensure Snoqualmie's voice is heard.
8. State of the City Video introduced by Mayor Ross. This will be shared at the SnoValley Chamber Luncheon in April.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Kate Leen, North Bend resident, spoke regarding a petition for a regional public pool partnership.
- Bill Shaner, Snoqualmie resident, made comments which were not germane to city business. Mayor Ross provided a first warning. Mr. Shaner continued to make comments which were not germane to city business and his audio was terminated.
- Chad Bastewell, Snoqualmie resident, addressed free speech. Mayor Ross advised that comments must be germane to city business. Mr. Bastewell continued to make comments which were not germane to city business and his audio was terminated.
- Gabe Stutman, Snoqualmie resident, made comments which were not germane to city business. Mayor Ross provided a first warning. Mr. Stutman continued to make comments which were not germane to city business and his audio was terminated.
- Jerome Schwartz, Snoqualmie resident, made comments which were not germane to city business and his audio was terminated.

It was moved by CM Johnson, seconded by CM Cotton to:  
**Suspend public comment for the remainder of the meeting.**  
PASSED: 4-1 (Benson, Wotton, Cotton, Johnson) (Nay: Holloway)

## CONSENT AGENDA

9. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated March 11, 2024.
10. Approve the Claims Report dated March 25, 2024.

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

## ORDINANCES

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Safety Committee:** No report.

**Community Development Committee:** No report.

**Parks & Public Works Committee:**

11. **AB24-034: Water Reclamation Facility Effluent Mixing Zone Study.** Introduction read into the record by CM Benson.

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

**Adopt Resolution No. 1683 Selecting Kennedy Jenks for completing the WRF Effluent Mixing Zone Study and authorize the Mayor to sign.**

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

12. **AB24-039: Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition Draft Resolution.** Introduction read into the record by CM Benson.

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

**Approve Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition 2024 Mobility Awareness Resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign.**

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

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

**Remove draft from the resolution.**

Motion withdrawn by CM Holloway.

Overview provided by Tracy Jones of Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition.

13. Solid Waste Contract Discussion led by Patrick Fry, Project Engineer. Consultant Jeanette Jurgensen appeared remotely.
14. Dissolution of East King County Regional Water Association Discussion led by Interim Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin. Council comments and questions followed.

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

**Dissolution of East King County Regional Water Association.**

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

**Finance & Administration Committee:** No report.

**Committee of the Whole:**

**Add-On:** Council Retreat Agenda introduced by CM Holloway. Discussion followed.

## REPORTS

11. Mayor's Report:

- Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Snoqualmie as a "Sterling Community" under the Tree City USA program, having received 10 years of "Growth Awards" – demonstrating the City's significant commitment to urban forestry. This is an important award representing our continued dedication towards building a sustainable community. Special thanks go to the city's urban forestry team members. Official recognition will occur at a future Council meeting when we celebrate Arbor Day Proclamation.
- Safewise.com has announced Snoqualmie is the #8 safest city in Washington state and we continue to be in the top 10 each year. This is a reflection on the services provided by our police department.

- A request was sent to King County to reduce the city’s housing target. This will be on the Growth Management Planning Council agenda this week which will begin the process.
- The City will be hosting the Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meeting this Wednesday March 27, 2024.
- A Town Hall meeting for King County Councilmember Sarah Perry is planned for April 18, 2024. More information forthcoming.

12. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports. Update provided by CM Wotton on the Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee.

13. Council Regional Liaison Reports. This item was not addressed.

**CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION**

14. Executive Sessions (4) 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 20 minutes.

At 9:05 pm, Council took a 5-minute break and will reconvene in Executive Session which is expected to last until 9:30 pm.

At 9:30 pm, Council extended Executive Session until 9:40 pm.

Council resumed open session at 9:40 pm.

CM Wotton recused himself from the motion.

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

**Accept the settlement agreement between the City of Snoqualmie and King Street Property LLC dated 03/20/2024.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Adjourn the meeting.**

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

Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**

*Katherine Ross*

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Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

*Deana Dean*

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Deana Dean, City Clerk