



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES

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September 25, 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, Bryan Holloway, James Mayhew, Louis Washington, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

Mayor Katherine Ross, and Representatives Bill Ramos and Lisa Callan were also present.

City Staff Present: Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Brian Lynch, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Interim Fire Chief; L.T. Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; and Andy Latham, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

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

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. **2024 Legislative Priorities Discussion.** Representative Lisa Callan introduced herself and the committees for which she serves and priorities she is working on during this biennial budget. Representative Bill Ramos introduced himself including speaking to the boundary changes in the valley, the committees for which he serves, and priorities he is working on. Discussion followed with both representatives answering Council questions. Topics covered included opportunities this session for finding appropriations, potential for increasing the property tax cap, public safety and funding, positive impacts related to behavioral health specialist, affordable housing and how to meet the workforce needs, changes at the legislative level regarding policing, Hwy 18 widening and Hwy 18 and I-90 interchange projects, transit service in Snoqualmie, Interim Chief Lynch spoke to law enforcement's inability to speak to juvenile suspects and suggested changes to the statute such as an age differential and/or putting the decision back to the parents. Final comments made by Representative Callan.

Roundtable meeting ended at 6:55 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, James Mayhew, Louis Washington, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Brian Lynch, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Interim Fire Chief; Michael Liebetrau, Police Records and Evidence Technician; Danna McCall, Communication Coordinator; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst (remote); Jonathan Kesler, Senior Planner; and Andy Latham, IT Support.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Public Hearings

2. **AB23-119:** Resolution No.1665 to Designate the Mill Site as a Residential Targeted Area for the Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption (MFTE)

Public Hearing opened at 7:04 pm.

With no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing closed at 7:05 pm.

Appointments

3. Swearing In Ceremony - Police Officer David Doucette. Interim Police Chief Brian Lynch introduced Police Officer David Doucette. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office.
4. **AB23-111:** Appointment to the Civil Service Commission. Summary read into the record by Mayor Ross. Gary and Jennifer Bragg were present and Gary thanked Council for allowing him to serve.

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

Appoint Gary Bragg to the Civil Service Commission.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Dori Ross of Fall City and Alicia Messa of North Bend, Historic Downtown Association President and Vice President, spoke to items they would like to change in downtown.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated August 28, 2023.
6. Approve the Claims Approval Reports dated September 11, 2023 and September 25, 2023.
7. **AB23-113:** Resolution No.1666 Meadowbrook Farm Prairie Loop Trail Project
8. **AB23-116:** Resolution No.1667 Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing the Sale of City Property
9. **AB23-117:** Resolution No.1668 Awarding the 2023 Sidewalk Repair & Replacement Project to RRJ Company LLC

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

CM Mayhew inquired as to when work would be completed under AB23-117. Interim City Administrator Mike Chambless answered Council questions.

ORDINANCES

10. **AB23-023:** Amendments to SMC Chapter 3.10 Multifamily Property Tax Exemption. First reading of Ordinance 1280. First paragraph of the Introduction was read into the record by CM Johnson. This matter will be brought back at the October 9, 2023, City Council meeting for second reading and adoption.
11. **AB23-115:** Amendments to SMC Chapter 17 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Regulations. First reading of Ordinance 1279. Introduction read into the record by CM Johnson. Alicia Messa of North Bend commented on this item. This matter will be brought back at the October 9, 2023, City Council meeting for second reading and adoption.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: No report.

12. **Fire Strategic Plan.** Discussion only. Interim Fire Chief Mike Bailey introduced and CM Christensen spoke to this item. Discussion followed.
13. **Fire Department 2023 Q2 Accreditation Report.** Information only.

Community Development Committee:

14. **AB23-119:** Resolution No.1665 to Designate the Mill Site as a Residential Targeted Area for the Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption (MFTE). Summary and motion read into the record by CM Johnson.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 1665 to designate the Mill Site as a Residential Targeted Area for the Multi-Family Housing Property Tax Exemption (MFTE).

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

Parks & Public Works Committee: No report.

Finance & Administration Committee:

15. **AB23-104:** Council Priority Tracker. Discussion only. Interim City Administrator Mike Chambless introduced and CM Holloway spoke to this item. Each committee to work with the tool and have discussions on the priorities that apply to their committee. These will be brought back to Council to inform on what is going on in each of these areas. Council questions and comments followed.

16. **2023 Q2 Financial Report.** Information only.

Committee of the Whole: No report.

REPORTS

17. Mayor's Report:

- Finance & Administration Committee reviewed the Meadowbrook ILA and Maintenance Agreement. There will be minor changes which will be sent out tomorrow for Council review. It will be reviewed again at the next F&A meeting and then at the October 9th Council meeting. It was noted that North Bend's Council has approved both and we look forward to Council's input.
- Washington Transportation Committee meeting is on October 16, 2023 and we will hear whether they approve our application to turn over the Parkway to the State. If approved, it will go to the next legislative session for approval.
- The Community Survey launched recently and covers transportation, housing, recreation, education, and delivery of city services. Starting October 3rd, residents can go online and take the survey on the city website.
- Special thanks to the Arts Commission for their coordination with North Bend on the Arts Off the Rails event.

18. Commission/Committee Liaison and Regional Reports:

- CM Mayhew spoke to the King County Cities Climate Collaboration Committee.
- CM Holloway requested the totem pole and Welcome to Snoqualmie sign discussions be put on the next PPW Committee meeting agenda.
- CM Wotton provided updates on the Regional Law and Justice Committee, Snoqualmie Valley Housing Task Force, and Economic Development Commission.
- CM Christensen provided updates on King Conservation District, Snoqualmie YMCA, Sound Cities Association networking event, and noted when the next SCA PIC meeting would occur.

19. **Department Reports for August 2023.** Interim City Administrator Mike Chambless provided a review of the department reports.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

20. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), to discuss (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 lasting approximately 15 minutes.
21. 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 lasting approximately 30 minutes.

No action is anticipated following conclusion of the Executive or Closed Sessions.

At 8:06 pm, Council took a 5-minute recess and will reconvene at 8:11 pm in Executive Session.

Executive/Closed Sessions concluded at 9:54 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting.

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


Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE



Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Deana Dean, City Clerk