



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES September 9, 2024

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, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, and Jo Johnson.

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

Excuse CM Christensen from this evening's meeting.

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

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

City Staff Present: David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by CM Johnson, seconded by CM Washington to approve the agenda which was unanimously approved.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. **Review and Deliberation of the Mayor's Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget.** This item was introduced by Finance Director Drew Bouta for presentation and discussion. The Solid Waste Admin Fee shall be discussed at the next Parks & Public Works Committee and brought back to Council with a recommendation. The Type 6 Brush Truck shall be discussed at the next Public Safety Committee. Council questions and comments followed.

It was unanimously approved to adjourn the Roundtable Meeting. The meeting ended at 6:55 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ross called the Regular Meeting to order 7:01 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:

David Linehan, Interim City Attorney; Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Brian Lynch, Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Michael Liebetrau, Police Evidence and Records Technician; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

Approve the agenda.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS**Public Hearings****Appointments**

2. **AB24-093:** Appointment to Planning Commission.

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

Confirm the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Daniel Murphy to the Planning Commission.

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

Daniel Murphy was present and thanked the Mayor and Council.

Presentations**Proclamations****PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA****CONSENT AGENDA**

3. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated August 12, 2024.
4. Approve the Claims Report dated September 9, 2024

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee:

5. Fire Department 2nd Quarter 2024 Accreditation Report. Information only.

Community Development Committee: No report.

Parks & Public Works Committee: No report.

Finance & Administration Committee: No report.

Committee of the Whole: No report.

REPORTS

6. Mayor's Report:

- The Mayor and Chief Lynch met with Echo Glen Superintendent Dan White and are seeing positive changes. Echo Glen has implemented many new security protocols, they are fully staffed, and will be starting the exterior fence in December.
- Be sure to check out the new Tourism page on the city website. Thank you to Danna McCall and Nicole Wiebe for their work in getting that created and live!
- The Washington State Supreme Court denied review of the CA Carey case and entered an Order awarding attorneys' fees to the city for responding to the petition for review. We should be receiving fees for those and those awarded previously.
- The 2025 Legislative Priorities on the F&A Committee agenda. This year the legislature will be setting their state budget. This will be a good time to reach out to the legislators to make sure the Governor's budget includes the youth grant to receive funding for the community center expansion and have our legislators advocate for us.

7. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Cotton provided updates on the SCA Public Health meeting including COVID vaccinations and funding and the bird flu. The Attorney General is starting 100 days of action against gun violence and considering this a public health crisis. At the Historic Downtown Merchants Meeting, it was disclosed that the Northwest Railway Museum will be stepping down as the Snoqualmie Days coordinator and the Merchants Association will be taking over. The Arts Commission has selected a design for the new pole banners from a local artist.
- CM Washington noted the Watershed Forum is having their last in-person meeting on September 18, 2024, at the Salish Lodge.
- CM Wotton provided an update on the Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee with good news that the King County Council unanimously passed a motion with the intent to keep the County's Juvenile Detention Facility open. At the Snoqualmie Valley Affordable Housing Task Force meeting, the City of North Bend put out an RFP and received interest from 14 different organizations and builders. Three applied and are under consideration.
- CM Johnson noted the train station roof is nearing completion.

8. Department Reports for August 2024. City Administrator Mike Chambless reviewed department reports for August 2024. CM Johnson noted mental health contacts numbers are lower than usual. The Police Department will research and report back on this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1) (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; lasting approximately 15 minutes. No action is anticipated following the Executive Session.

At 7:19 pm, Council took a 5-minute recess and went into Executive Session which is expected to last until 7:35 pm.

At 7:35 pm Council extended Executive Session to 7:55 pm.

At 7:55 pm, Council extended Executive Session to 8:05 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE



Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Deana Dean, City Clerk