



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING May 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Mayor Ross called the meeting to order 7:00 pm

City Council:

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

City Staff:

Mike Chambless, Interim City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Mike Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief; Bryan Lynch, Deputy Police Chief; Emily Arteché, Community Development Director; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst; Jimmie Betts, IT Support; Jeff Hamlin, Interim Parks & Public Works Director; Andrew Vining, Project Engineer (remote); Hind Ahmed, Project Engineer (remote); Drew Bouta, Budget Manager (remote); Michael Liebetrau, Records and Evidence Technician; and Jen Ferguson, Finance & HR Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Johnson to:
Approve the agenda.

It was moved by CM Holloway; seconded by CM Johnson to:
Amend the agenda to add AB23-075: Information Technology Director Confirmation & Oath of Office to the agenda.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

Appointments:

1. **AB23-062:** Appointment to Economic Development and Planning Commissions

It was moved by CM Christensen; seconded by CM Johnson to:
Confirm the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Shalabh Chandra to the Economic Development Commission and Michael Krohn to the Planning Commission.

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

Michael Krohn was present (remote) and made a few comments.

Presentations: None.

Proclamations:

2. **AB23-066:** Public Works Week, Proclamation No. 23-09. Mayor Ross read Proclamation 23-09 and proclaimed May 21-27, 2023, as National Public Works Week in Snoqualmie. Interim City Administrator Chambless thanked Council, on behalf of the department, for recognizing National Public Works Week, noting it is an honor to serve the community. He also noted Riverview Park will have a soft opening at the end of the week with a formal opening on June 9, 2023.
3. **AB23-067:** CPR & AED Awareness Week, Proclamation No. 23-10. Mayor Ross read Proclamation 23-10 and proclaimed June 1-7, 2023, as CPR & AED Awareness Week in Snoqualmie. Deputy Chief Bailey thanked Council for recognizing CPR & AED in our community and informed Council of education classes the fire department provides as well as grants the department receives to provide AEDs to the community.

The Mayor introduced Interim City Attorney David Linehan from Madrona Law.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated May 8, 2023.
5. Approve the Claims Approval Report dated May 22, 2023.
6. **AB23-064:** Resolution No. 1648 Awarding a Public Works Contract to CPM Development Corporation DBA ICON Materials, Inc for the 2023 Overlay Project.
7. **AB23-071:** Resolution No. 1650 Authorizing the Purchase of Server Equipment & Installation with IVOXY Consulting.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

ORDINANCES

8. **AB23-068:** 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Amendment. Jen Ferguson, Director of Finance & HR provided a brief overview. Council questions followed.

Proposed Action: First Reading of Ordinance 1277.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: CM Christensen provided an update on the parking ordinance and additional public comments at the last meeting.

Community Development Committee:

9. **AB23-059:** Snoqualmie Housing Strategy Plan.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 1647 approving the Housing Strategy Plan.

PASSED: 5-2 (Holloway, Mayhew, Washington, Christensen, Johnson)

Kelly Coughlin, Snoqualmie Valley Chamber of Commerce, spoke to this item and requested additional discussion.

Emily Arteche, Community Development Director, provided an overview. Discussion followed. Matt Covert from LDC was present (remote) and spoke to the changes to the plan from the last meeting and next steps. Council comments and further discussion followed.

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

Continue this item to the June 12, 2023, Council meeting and in the meantime, have a Council workshop and include Ms. Coughlin in those discussions.

FAILED: 1-6 (Wotton)

Parks & Public Works Committee:

10. **AB23-063:** Amendment with RH2 Engineering for Water Reclamation Facility Phase 3 Services During Construction. Interim Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin reviewed this item.

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

Approve an amendment to the WRF Phase 3 design services agreement with RH2 Engineering.

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

11. **AB23-065:** Resolution No. 1649 Awarding a Public Works Contract to CPM Development Corporation DBA ICON Materials for the Snoqualmie Parkway Rehabilitation Project. Jeff Hamlin reviewed this item. Council comments followed.

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Johnson:

Adopt Resolution No. 1649 Awarding a Public Works Contract to CPM Development Corporation DBA ICON Materials for the Snoqualmie Parkway Rehabilitation Project and authorize the Mayor to sign.

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

Finance & Administration Committee:

OUT OF ORDER:

AB23-075: Information Technology Director Confirmation & Oath of Office. The Mayor introduced Mohsen Hafiz who appeared remotely.

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

Confirm Mohsen Hafiz, effective June 5, 2023, as the City of Snoqualmie Information Technology Director.

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

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office.

12. **AB23-072:** Incentive Retention Pay for Eligible Employees. Public comment was provided by Michael Liebetrau on the roles and responsibilities of police department personnel. Jen Ferguson reviewed this item. Council comments followed.

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

Approve MOU pertaining to retention incentive pay program for Teamsters Local 763 and to authorize payroll installments once budget appropriation is authorized by City Council pursuant to AB23-068.

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

13. Committee Reform Discussion.

It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Mayhew:

To table this item indefinitely.

PASSED: 6-1 (Benson, Holloway, Mayhew, Washington, Christensen, Johnson)(Nay: Wotton)

Committee of the Whole: No further reports.

REPORTS

14. **Mayor's Report:**

- The Arts Commission installed a traveling art exhibit on loan from the Wing Luke Museum featuring the art of Jimmy Tsutomu Mirikitani which will be on both floors of City Hall.
- An update was provided on the transfer of the Parkway to WSDOT.
- SVGA meeting is this Wednesday in North Bend.
- Mt Si Boys Lacrosse is #1 in the state. This week are semi-final rounds. The police department will be escorting them through town. Congratulations and good luck to them.

15. **Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:**

- CM Holloway moved to appoint CM Washington as the liaison to the Snoqualmie Watershed Forum which was seconded by CM Benson and unanimously approved. An update was then provided regarding that organization.
- CM Christensen provided updates on the YMCA and the school district.
- CM Johnson commented regarding upcoming improvements on Stone Quarry Road.
- CM Wotton informed council of meetings for the King County Regional Law and Justice Committee and Snoqualmie Valley Housing Task Force.

16. **Councilmember Regional Liaison Updates:**

- CM Christensen provided an update on SCA PIC.
- Mayor Ross provided an update on the Regional Transit Committee

CM Mayhew left the meeting at 9:14 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive 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 10 minutes.

Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss (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/or (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 10 minutes.

At 9:19 pm, Mayor Ross indicated Council would take a break and then enter into Executive Session until approximately 9:50 pm. Potential action may occur following the executive session.

At 10:00 pm, Council extended the meeting to 10:10 pm.

At 10:15 pm, Council came out of Executive Session. At 10:17 pm, Council resumed open session.

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

Reject the offer made in mediation from the City of Duvall and direct staff to follow guidance provided by the mayor.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn meeting.

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

Mayor Ross adjourned the meeting at 10:18 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE



Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Deana Dean

Deana Dean, City Clerk