



CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING March 13, 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, James Mayhew (remote), Cara Christensen, and Jolyon Johnson were present.

It was moved by CM Wotton; seconded by CM Christensen

Excuse Mayor Pro Tem Bryan Holloway's absence.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

City Staff:

Michael Sauerwein, City Administrator; Bob Sterbank, City Attorney; Jen Ferguson, Finance and HR Director (remote); Deana Dean, City Clerk; Mike Chambless, Parks and Public Works Director; Mark Correia, Fire Chief; Perry Phipps, Police Chief; Brian Lynch, Police Captain; Emily Arteche, Community Development Director; Jimmie Betts, IT Support; Dylan Gamble, CIP Project Manager; Drew Bouta, Budget Manager; Carson Hornsby, Management Analyst (remote); Sarah Reeder, IT Project Manager; Nicole Wiebe, Community Liaison; Chris Miller, Interim IT Director (remote); Krista Hintz, Management Analyst (remote); Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator (remote); Patrick Fry, Project Engineer (remote); Anna Astrakhan, Assistant City Attorney (remote); Mike Bailey, Deputy Fire Chief (remote); Janna Walker, Budget Analyst; Tami Wood, Revenue Manager (remote).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS & PROCLAMATIONS

Appointments

1. **AB23-036:** Re-Appointment to Planning Commission.

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

Re-appoint Steve Smith to the Planning Commission.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

Presentations

2. Snoqualmie Valley Hospital – State of the Hospital. Presentation by Renee Jensen, Chief Executive Officer of Snoqualmie Valley Hospital. Chief Correia briefly spoke on the importance of having the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital Emergency Department in the community.

3. Waste Management Annual Report. Presentation by Marcy Manibusan, Public Sector Manager of Waste Management. Council questions followed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Robert Angrisano of Fall City, WA and Snoqualmie Volunteer Firefighter spoke to the Snoqualmie Valley Hospital Levy 2023.

Louis Washington of Snoqualmie, WA and Snoqualmie Economic Development Commissioner spoke to the Council Position #5 Vacancy.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes: February 27, 2023, Regular Meeting
5. Approve the Claims Approval Report dated March 13, 2023
6. **AB23-028:** Resolution 1638 Awarding Purcell Painting & Coatings the City Hall Stairs Repair Public Works Contract.
7. **AB23-033:** Resolution 1637 Designating the Risk Manager as the Agent to Receive Claims.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

ORDINANCES

8. **AB23-032:** Vehicle Trespass. First Reading of Ordinance 1275. Presentation provided by Captain Brian Lynch. Council comments and questions followed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: No further reports.

Community Development Committee: CM Johnson noted Senior Planner Jason Rogers has accepted a position with Washington State Ferries.

Parks & Public Works Committee:

9. **AB23-034:** Resolution 1639 Purchase of Centennial Fields – Inclusive Park Play Equipment.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 1639 Approving a purchase order with Landscape Structures Inc for Centennial Fields – Inclusive Park Play Equipment.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

Finance & Administration Committee:

10. **AB23-037:** Agreement for Consultant Services – IT Management, Operations, and Staffing Assessment.

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

Authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement for Consultant Services with BerryDunn for IT Management, Operations, and Staffing Assessment in the amount not to exceed \$58,735.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

Committee of the Whole: No further reports.

REPORTS

11. Mayor's Report:

- Council was reminded that Snoqualmie is hosting the March 22, 2023 SVGA meeting. Speakers include Renee Jensen from Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, King County Assessor John Wilson on assessments and property taxes, and Brandy Delange from AWC on legislative updates, possibly from state legislators and King County councilmember.
- She will be making a presentation to the Snoqualmie Valley School Board this Thursday, providing an overview of the community center expansion and pool project.
- Friday March 24th and Saturday March 25th is the city council retreat.
- Applications for council vacancy, position #5, are due tomorrow. Interviews will occur during the regular council meeting on March 27, 2023, and vote and oath of office on April 10, 2023.
- Fire crews responded to a house fire on Nye Ave three separate times (March 8 @ 7AM, March 10 @ 1215AM and 838 PM). The first two fires occurred in the garage, and the third occurred outside but immediately in front of the garage door. The cause of these three fires is believed to be two separate sets of lithium-ion batteries used in lawn maintenance tools. The City is hosting a community meeting on March 15th at 7:00 pm at the YMCA to discuss these fires, answer any questions the community may have, and provide some safety information on lithium ion batteries.
- Legislative session continues so continue to reach out to legislators on council priorities including requesting state funding for community center expansion and pool, and SR18 widening.
- The Meadowbrook ILA is expiring this spring after 25 years. The cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie are meeting together to re-think the structure and are including Snoqualmie Tribe as a third member. Watch for a draft ILA in the future to F&A and then council.

12. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Christensen attended the YMCA board meeting last week with a great presentation by Director Chambless on improvements to the community park including the splash pad, and YMCA is continuing its annual fund drive so it's a great time to contribute to the YMCA.
- CM Mayhew mentioned as the council liaison to the tribal council, that the Mayor has done a fantastic job of improving the relationship with tribe on matters of joint interest and the relationship continues to improve. He attended, with the Mayor, a meeting with a tribal representative to discuss future services to include the tribes interest in exploring police services that might be provided, fire services that might be provided at the casino and at the areas that they have applied for deed of trust.
- CM Wotton noted the Meadowbrook Farm Preservation board meeting is working closely with making sure the tribe's voice is heard in a way that is respectful to their presence in the valley. Relations are improving and follow up meetings to occur. The King County Regional Law Safety Committee meeting is March 23, 2023 at 7:30 am via Zoom. This month

Snoqualmie will be presenting on behavioral health with our specialist Stephanie Butler and Police Chief Phipps.

13. Department Reports:

- City Administrator Mike Sauerwein reviewed the February 2023 Department Reports.

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(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 8:22 pm, Mayor Ross indicated Council would take a 5-minute break and then enter into Executive Session for approximately 15 minutes.

At 8:44 pm, Council came out of Executive Session.

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

Authorize the city attorney to finalize settlement in the amount of \$27,160 with Department of Retirement Systems in exchange for release all claims against the city and Ben Yazici.

PASSED: 4-1 (Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourn meeting.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Mayhew, Christensen, Johnson)

Mayor Ross adjourned the meeting at 8:47 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE



Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Deana Dean, City Clerk