



## **CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 22, 2025**

---

### **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, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff:** Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Mona Davis, Community & Economic Development Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Robert Thrall, Legal Assistant; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

### **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**Approve the agenda as amended.**

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

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

**Remove the first Executive Session from the Roundtable Meeting agenda.**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Litigation. This item was removed from the agenda.
2. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price.

At 6:02 pm, Council went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 6:45 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting paused.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Council returned to Council Chambers at 6:45 pm and recording resumed at 6:47 pm. It was moved by CM Holloway and seconded by CM Christensen to adjourn the Roundtable Meeting which passed unanimously. The Roundtable Meeting adjourned at 6:48 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, Louis Washington, Catherine Cotton, Cara Christensen and Jo Johnson.

Mayor Katherine Ross was also present.

**City Staff:** Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Dena Burke, City Attorney; Deana Dean, City Clerk; Danna McCall, Communications Coordinator; Gary Horejsi, Interim Police Chief; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Mona Davis, Community & Economic Development Director; Robert Thrall, Legal Assistant; Janna Walker, Budget Manager; Jen Hughes, Deputy Finance Director; Andrew Vining, Project Engineer; Dylan Gamble, CIP Manager; Kim Johnson, HR Manager; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The pledge of allegiance was led by CM Johnson.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**Approve the agenda as amended.**

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

It was moved by CM Washington to:

**Remove AB25-082 from the Consent Agenda.**

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

**Remove the Executive Session from the Regular Meeting agenda.**

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

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

### **Presentations**

3. King County Search and Rescue Association (KCSARA). Presentation by KCSARA Executive Director Carrie Lee Gagnon. Additional speakers included Kelsey Redd and Christine Nelson. Council comments and photos followed.

### **Proclamations**

4. Proclamation 25-19: Breast Cancer Awareness Month - Joint with North Bend. The proclamation summary was read into the record by Mayor Ross.
5. Proclamation 25-20: Fire Prevention Week. The proclamation summary was read into the record by Mayor Ross. Fire Chief Bailey spoke to fire prevention activities and lithium batteries.
6. Proclamation 25-21: Hindu Heritage Month. The proclamation was read into the record by Mayor Ross. Leaders from the local Hindu community introduced themselves and said a few words. Photos followed.

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

- Kate Leen, from North Bend, spoke to a regional public pool.
- Rohit Kumar, from Snoqualmie, thanked the Snoqualmie Fire and Police Departments for their response to an incident last year.
- Ross, from Fall City, spoke to motorized/electric bikes.
- Apeksha Sharma, from Snoqualmie, spoke to disposal of lithium batteries.

## CONSENT AGENDA

7. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated September 8, 2025, September 5, 2025, Special, and September 15, 2025, Special/Training.
8. Approve the Claims Report dated September 22, 2025.
9. **AB25-082:** Purchase of three (3) new vehicles for Water & Stormwater Divisions (Removed)
10. **AB25-084:** City Personnel Policy Handbook.

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

**Approve the consent agenda as amended.**

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

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

**Amend September 8, 2025, minutes for Resolution 1723 Authorizing a One-Tenth of One Percent Sales Tax that amendment that says amend the resolution to limit to submit qualifications by adding at the end and remand discussion of adoption of the tax to F&A.**

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

## REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

9. **AB25-082:** Purchase of three (3) new vehicles for Water & Stormwater Divisions. Comments and questions made by CM Washington. Information provided by Finance Director Drew Bouta and CIP Manager Dylan Gamble.

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

**Approve the purchase of three (3) Ford F-350 trucks.**

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Public Safety Committee:** There was no report.

**Community Development Committee:** There was no report.

**Parks & Public Works Committee:**

11. **AB25-085:** Kimball Creek Lift Station Change Order and Project Update. Introduction read into the record by CM Cotton. Comment and question made by CM Christensen. Information provided by Project Engineer Andrew Vining.

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

**Approve Change Order No. 3 with Pease and Sons, Inc.**

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

**Finance & Administration Committee:** There was no report.

**Committee of the Whole:**

12. Council Liaison Appointments Discussion led by CM Holloway. It was moved by CM Holloway, seconded by CM Benson to appoint CM's Cotton and Holloway as Snoqualmie representatives to the Snoqualmie Valley Aquatics Collaborative, which passed unanimously. City Administrator Chambless to be included in those meetings.

## REPORTS

13. Mayor's Report. Mayor Ross provided updates on:

- City Academy begins next week, and council is invited to attend.
- Snoqualmie Valley Government Association meeting is this Wednesday in Duvall.
- Green Snoqualmie will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>; following that will be a Love Snoqualmie Valley event.
- Congratulations to two Snoqualmie businesses - Chickadee Bakery and Snoqualmie Ice Cream – for the King County Executive Small Business Award.
- Cities of North Bend and Snoqualmie executed an ILA for police services last week.
- Last week North Bend and Snoqualmie held a joint Economic Development Commission meeting at Meadowbrook.

14. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Christensen provided updates from Sound Cities Association PIC and YMCA.
- CM Wotton spoke to the joint Economic Development Commission meeting.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Litigation. This item was removed from the agenda.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

**Adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

**CITY OF SNOQUALMIE**



---

Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:



---

Deana Dean, City Clerk