



CITY COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 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, Cara Christensen, and Jo Johnson.

It was moved by CM Johnson; seconded by CM Christensen to:
Excuse CM Washington from this evening's meeting.

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

It was moved by CM Johnson; seconded by CM Christensen to:
Excuse CM Cotton from this evening's meeting.

PASSED: 5-0 (Benson, Wotton, Holloway, Christensen, 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; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

AGENDA APPROVAL - It was moved by CM Wotton; seconded by CM Christensen to approve the agenda which passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(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 6:03 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.

CM Cotton appeared remotely.

At 6:45 pm, Mayor Ross announced Executive Session was extended to 6:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT – Council returned to Council Chambers at 6:50 pm and recording resumed at 6:55 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 6:55 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, Catherine Cotton (remote), 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; Fletcher Lacroix, IT Director; Mike Bailey, Fire Chief; Phil Bennett, Deputy 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; and Jimmie Betts, IT Support.

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Approve the agenda as amended.

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

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

Remove the Presentation and add Council Liaison Positions under Reports.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS, PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

Presentations

2. Snoqualmie Valley Mobility Coalition. This item was removed from the agenda.

Proclamations

3. Proclamation 25-15: Week Without Driving. The proclamation was read into the record by Mayor Ross.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA – There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve the City Council Meeting Minutes dated August 11, 2025, and August 15, 2025.
5. Approve the Claims Report dated September 8, 2025.
6. **AB25-076:** Washington Traffic Safety Commission Interagency Agreement.

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

Approve the consent agenda.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee: CM Wotton noted resident feedback about speed and e-bikes.

Community Development Committee:

7. **AB25-083:** Affordable/Workforce Housing Development RFQ. Introduction read into the record by CM Johnson. Discussion followed.

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

Rescind the RFQ and reevaluate the affordable housing process.

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

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

To amend the motion to “reject all responses to RFQ, rescind the RFQ, and reevaluate the affordable housing process.”

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

Parks & Public Works Committee:

8. **AB25-078:** Rivertrail NW of Sandy Cove Construction. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson.

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

Approve Resolution No. 1724 awarding the construction contract to Accord Contractors for the Rivertrail: NW of Sandy Cove project.

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

9. **AB25-079:** BP Pump Station Capacity Study. Introduction read into the record by CM Benson.

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

Award an engineering contract with RH2 for the BP Pump Station Capacity Improvements.

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

Public comment provided by Dick Bratton of Snoqualmie Valley Health.

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

Suspend the rules and add five minutes to public commentor Dick Bratton’s time.

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

Public comment provided by Renee Jensen of Snoqualmie Valley Health.

Discussion followed with additional information provided by Project Engineer Andrew Vining and Community and Economic Development Director Mona Davis.

Finance & Administration Committee:

10. **AB25-081:** Resolution Authorizing a One-Tenth of One Percent Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Purposes. Introduction read into the record by CM Holloway.

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

Approve Resolution No. 1723 authorizing a one-tenth of one percent (0.1%) sales and use tax for criminal justice purposes pursuant to Section 2021, Chapter 350, Laws of Washington 2025 as amended

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

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

Amend the resolution to limit to submit qualifications and remand discussion of adoption of the tax to F&A.

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

11. **AB25-070:** King County Regional Opioid Abatement Council Amendment. Introduction by City Attorney Burke. Discussion followed.

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

Remand to F&A Committee at a time to be determined.

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

Committee of the Whole: There was no report.

REPORTS

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

- Introduction of new Legal Assistant Robert Thrall.
- State Auditor's Audits for 2022 and 2023 fiscal years are expected to be complete this fall. The 2024 fiscal year audit will follow.
- PSRC Growth Management Policy Board has recommended conditional authorization of the city's comprehensive plan which should be ratified by King County at the end of October.
- SR 18 is expected to be complete later this fall. There is a closure starting tonight on westbound I90.
- September marks National Preparedness Month.
- City Academy applications are being accepted; more information is available on the city's website.

ADD ON - Council Liaison Positions. CM Holloway is seeking Council feedback over the next two weeks over a Council Liaison position with Snoqualmie Valley Aquatics Collaborative.

13. Commission/Committee Liaison Reports:

- CM Christensen provided updates on Sound Cities Association, and Washington State Supreme Court case limits for public defenders.
- CM Wotton noted there will be a joint Economic Development Commission meeting with the City of North Bend on September 17, 2025, at 8:00 am at Meadowbrook.

14. Department Reports for August 2025. Reports are included in the packet for review.

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At 8:26 pm, Council took a 5-minute break and went into Executive Session which was expected to last until 8:40 pm. No action was anticipated following the Executive Session and recording of the meeting ceased.

At 8:40 pm, Mayor Ross announced Executive Session was extended to 8:50 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

CITY OF SNOQUALMIE



Katherine Ross, Mayor

Attest:



Deana Dean, City Clerk