



CITY COUNCIL RETREAT - DAY 1 SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING

Friday, March 24, 2023, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge, 36005 SE Ridge St. & Zoom

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Katherine Ross

Councilmembers: Ethan Benson, Cara Christensen, Bryan Holloway, Jo Johnson, James Mayhew, and Robert Wotton

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COFFEE AND MINGLING - 8:30 am to 9:00 am

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

AGENDA

- [1.](#) Part 1: Situational Assessment & Context Audit
2. Part 2: Council Priorities

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City Council Retreat Overview

Item 1.

Participants: City Council Members and City Leadership Team

Methodology: Creative Strategy Solutions primarily employs the Technology of Participation (ToP®) group facilitation methods developed by the Institute of Cultural Affairs and practiced around the world over the past 40+ years. ToP methods create a space where bold, visionary ideas and pragmatic realism complement each other seamlessly.

Philosophy: As a certified ToP® facilitator, core to my approach is the belief that the most robust, creative, and sustainable solutions come from embracing diverse viewpoints.

Day 1: Friday, March 24th, 2023

Part 1: Situational Assessment & Context Audit	
This segment will:	Product:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-- Assess the internal and external factors that will impact the city's work-- Share perspectives to build an inventory of the realities of the external environment-- Compile a shared understanding of the full context in which the planning is being undertaken and apply insights to the path ahead-- Create a comprehensive and shared context	Documentation capturing the situational data and/or a compiled analysis summary with clearly articulated implications for how that will inform the work ahead forming a foundation for the retreat.
Part 2: Council Priorities	
This segment will:	Product:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-- Identify criteria to shape prioritization-- Make tactical decisions on concrete accomplishments-- Ensure consensus around critical priorities-- Engage staff responsible for implementation-- Develop benchmarks and progress way points-- Provide robust direction to staff to support targeted, effective implementation	Compiled Strategic Implementation Framework with success measures and prioritized benchmark deliverables for each Priority Area for 2023/24, providing tactical clarity and momentum.

Day 2: Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Part 3: Working Together as a Governance Team	
This segment will:	Product:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-- Develop alignment across the governance team as a collaborative entity-- Articulate a shared picture of desired team culture and practices-- Commitment to advance the identified practices	A framework of practices that will support an effective and thriving governance team.
Part 4: Looking Ahead to Strategic Planning	
This segment will:	Product:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-- Identify the Why Now? for Strategic Planning-- Discern the planning focus-- Consider the next steps	An agreed focus and consensus around next steps.
Part 5: Approaches to Community Engagement	
This segment will:	Product:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-- Review existing sources or channels of community input-- Identify information needed and target groups, organizations, and constituents-- Consider potential approaches for effective community engagement	Compiled Council input on priority groups and agreed next steps.