



# PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Tuesday, November 05, 2024, at 4:30 PM

Snoqualmie City Hall, 38624 SE River Street & Zoom

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## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair: Ethan Benson

Councilmembers: Bryan Holloway and Catherine Cotton

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## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

## AGENDA APPROVAL

## PUBLIC COMMENTS (online public comments will not be taken).

## MINUTES

- [1.](#) Approval of minutes dated October 22, 2024.

## AGENDA BILLS

## DISCUSSION

2. Utility Rate Study Presentation.
3. Water Reclamation Facility Project Phase 3 Update.
- [4.](#) 2025 Legislative Priorities.

## ADJOURNMENT



## PARKS & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 22, 2024

*This meeting was conducted in person at Snoqualmie City Hall and remotely using Zoom.*

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

**Committee Members:** Councilmembers Ethan Benson, Bryan Holloway and Catherine Cotton were present.

#### City Staff:

Mike Chambless, City Administrator; Deana Dean, City Clerk (remote); Jeff Hamlin, Parks & Public Works Director; Andrew Vining, Project Engineer; Drew Bouta, Finance Director; Patrick Fry, Project Engineer; Hind Ahmed, Project Engineer; and Andrew Jongekryg, IT Support.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as amended.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.

### MINUTES

1. The minutes from October 8, 2024, were approved as presented.

### DISCUSSION (OUT OF ORDER)

2. **Utility Rate Study.** Introduction by Finance Director Drew Bouta. Presentation by Sergey Tarasov and Paul Quinn from FCS Group. Topics included background, overview of rate setting process, rate study results including revenue requirement and cost of service, questions, and next steps. Committee questions and comments followed. Additional information provided by Finance Director Drew Bouta and Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin. This matter will be brought back at a future Committee meeting.

### AGENDA BILLS (OUT OF ORDER)

3. **AB24-116: Reclaimed Water Reservoir Public Comment Period.** Introduction by Project Engineer Andrew Vining. Barney Santiago from RH2 present remotely. Presentation will be heard at the October 28, 2024, City Council meeting.

4. **AB24-112: Reclaimed Water Reservoir Amendment to RH2 Professional Services Agreement (PSA).** Introduction by Project Engineer Andrew Vining. Committee questions and comments followed. Additional information provided by Parks & Public Works Director Jeff Hamlin. This item will be heard at the October 28, 2024, City Council meeting.
5. **AB24-117: Stormwater Comprehensive Plan Professional Services Agreement (PSA).** Introduction and presentation provided by Project Engineer Patrick Fry. Topics for the system plan included background, existing system plan chapters, 2024 scope of work, and budget. Committee questions and comments followed. This item is approved to move forward at the October 28, 2024, City Council meeting on the non-consent agenda.
6. **AB24-113: Police Station Security Improvements.** This item was moved forward to the October 28, 2024, City Council meeting on the consent agenda.

#### DISCUSSION (OUT OF ORDER)

7. **Kimball Creek Bridges Restoration Project Update.** Introduction and presentation provided by Project Engineer Hind Ahmed and included an update on project scope, schedule, cost, current progress, and changes affecting construction cost.
8. **Director Reports.** Due to time limitations, this matter was not heard.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

*Minutes taken by Deana Dean, City Clerk.  
Recorded meeting audio is available on the City website after the meeting.  
Minutes approved at the \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, Parks & Public Works Committee Meeting.*



## City Council

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### 2025 Legislative Priorities

#### **Community Center Expansion: Requesting \$5M in state funding:**

To help expand Snoqualmie's Community Center and add a swimming pool. This will address over-capacity issues at our community center, provide an opportunity for all children in our city the chance to learn to swim, so they will be safe when recreating in our rivers, and provide health and wellness, senior, youth, and aquatics programs.

#### **Affordable housing:**

Expand REET authority for state and locals (HB 1628) to fund affordable housing.

#### **Public Safety:**

- Police and Fire Personnel: Additional funding tools and resources to support recruitment and retention, including but not limited to updating the Public Safety Sales Tax to allow an option to implement by councilmanic authority and providing greater flexibility on use of the funds. Funding tools to assist small municipalities recruit and retain.
- Juvenile Access Law: Fix ESHB 1140: Positive intervention by addressing the juvenile access law. Need to provide more thought about when youth require lawyers to be present, otherwise it becomes mandatory to put them in the system.
- ~~Police Pursuit: Further expand crimes eligible for pursuit to include auto theft and some property crimes.~~
- Opioid Settlement Disbursements and underlying drug issues and resources to support communities.
- Traffic Safety. Additional grant funding for school safety and traffic calming measures along Hwy 202.

#### **I-90 and Hwy 18 interchange:**

Ensure preservation of prior legislative appropriations funding for the Snoqualmie Parkway and SR 18.

- Concern that if the state or federal gas tax is suspended or reduced, it may delay the start of these projects (interchange and highway widening);
- We desire to have communities most impacted by construction involved in an advisory committee, fostering greater public dialogue and support.

**Snoqualmie Parkway Jurisdiction Transfer:**

Ensure alignment of utilization of infrastructure with taxing jurisdiction. The parkway is a transportation system connector between Highway 18 and State Route 202. The majority of its utilization is through regional commercial trucks. In order to align usage with revenue source most the parkway should be transferred to state control and maintenance.

**Property Tax Cap:**

Revise the property tax cap to tie it to inflation, up to 3%, and population growth factors, so that local elected officials can adjust the local property tax rate to better serve their communities. The current 1% cap has created a structural deficit in the city revenue and expenditure model, resulting in a reliance on regressive revenues and artificially restricting the use of property taxes to fund community needs.

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