

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SNOQUALMIE CITY COUNCIL**

April 22, 2019

City Hall – Council Chambers  
38624 SE River Street

Mayor Larson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Councilmember Jeans led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT**

Mayor Larson

Council members

Bob Jeans

Katherine Ross

Bryan Holloway

James Mayhew

Matt Laase

Peggy Shepard

Staff

Bob Larson, City Administrator

Tiah Branson, Exec. Asst./Deputy City Clerk

Bob Sterbank, City Attorney

Perry Phipps, Police Chief

Mark Correira, Fire Chief

Dan Marcinko, Director of Parks and Public Works

PJ Rodriguez, Director of Information Technology

Robert Hamud, Director of Finance

Debra Vigil, Director of Admin Services

Nick Almquist, Police Captain

Joan Pliego, Communications Coordinator

Jason Rogers, Senior Planner

Jimmie Betts, IT System Support

Mark Gerken, IT System Support

**ABSENT**

Council

Sean Sundwall

Staff

Jodi Warren, City Clerk

Mark Hofman, Director of Community Development

**MOVED** by Councilmember Jeans **SECOND** by Councilmember Ross to excuse the absence of Councilmember Sundwall from the April 22, 2019 meeting. Motion **CARRIED** 6 to 0.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED** by Councilmember Holloway **SECOND** by Councilmember Mayhew to approve the consent agenda as stated. Discussion.

Councilmember Shepard requested that the Warrants be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Jeans requested that Town Hall Meetings be added to Committee of the Whole.

Motion **CARRIED** 5 to 1, with Councilmember Laase voting against.

Councilmember Shepard requested that her list of questions that were not answered at the April 8, 2019, city council meeting be added to Committee of the Whole.

Request failed 2 to 4 with Councilmembers Ross, Holloway, Mayhew and Laase voting against.

Discussion.

Motion, as amended, **CARRIED** 6 to 0.

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

YMCA 2018 Financial Overview. Nate Smith, Executive Director of the Snoqualmie YMCA gave an overview of the 2018 Finances. Discussion.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Corey Morris, Regional Editor, Snoqualmie Valley Record, 11407 183<sup>rd</sup> Place NE, Redmond, WA - spoke in opposition of the city council's recent decision to change the city's official newspaper from the Snoqualmie Valley Record to the Seattle Times and urged the city to return to the Snoqualmie Valley Record as its official newspaper.

Andy Hobbs, Editorial Director for King County publications, Sound Publishing, 11630 Slater Avenue NE, Suite 9, Kirkland, WA 98034 - stated they understood the deadline for legal notices was a problem and they are willing to move their press deadline to accommodate the city's legal notice requirements. The Valley Record would like to be the city's official newspaper again.

Wayne Russell, 8438 Meadowbrook Way SE, Snoqualmie - stated his concerns regarding the quasi-judicial process and that he likes to see the council vote no on some things. Mr. Russell is also concerned with possible changes to the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), flooding and doesn't believe in stopping growth, but would like to see growth slowed down.

Anna Sotelo, 7717 Allman Avenue SE, Snoqualmie - commented regarding notice to the public if any changes are made regarding the City's official newspaper.

William Donaldson, 8203 Park Avenue SE, Snoqualmie - spoke about Earth Day and in favor of a ban of single use plastic bags, straws, food containers and other often used plastic products.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Minutes**

April 8, 2019 - Council meeting minutes

**MOVED** by Councilmember Ross **SECOND** by Councilmember Holloway to approve the minutes as stated. Discussion.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Mayhew to make several corrections to the minutes **SECOND** by Councilmember Holloway to approve the minutes with corrections.

Amended Motion **CARRIED** 6 to 0.

## **ORDINANCES**

### *Community Development Council Committee*

#### **AB#19-035**

#### **Ordinance adopting Plat Procedures Code Amendment (Introduction April 22, 2019, Action May 13, 2019)**

Review procedures for subdivisions are mainly unchanged since 1991. Short plats are decided by the Community Development Director, while long plats are decided by the City Council after a public hearing and recommendation by the Hearing Examiner. Final plats are decided by the City Council. State law provides for additional flexibility in approval procedures. The proposed amendments would change the decision-maker for preliminary plats to the Hearing Examiner, change the decision-maker for final plats to the Community Development Director, change the number of lots for a short plat from 4 to 9, streamline some process requirements and implement general cleanup. Councilmember Mayhew introduced this proposed Ordinance. It will be considered for action on May 13, 2019. Discussion.

Point of Order by Councilmember Jeans encouraging council not to compare Snoqualmie with other cities and to focus on what Snoqualmie has done and what Snoqualmie should do.

Discussion.

Point of Order by Councilmember Laase questioning what Issaquah's traffic studies have to do with plat procedures. Point of Order sustained by Mayor Larson.

Discussion.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Holloway to include the selection of the hearing examiner in this agenda bill **SECOND** by Councilmember Shepard. Motion **FAILED** 1 to 5 with Councilmembers Jeans, Ross, Mayhew, Holloway and Laase voting against.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Holloway to include the effective life span of traffic studies to this agenda bill. Discussion. Motion **FAILED** to due to a lack of a **SECOND**.

## **Council Committee Reports** **REPORTS**

### Parks and Public Works Council Committee

No report.

### Community Development Council Committee

No report.

### Finance and Administration Council Committee

#### **Approval of Warrants**

Claims/Warrant Report - Claims Warrants / Checks No. 48343-48491 and slip checks 48341-48342 and Electronic Payments in the amount of \$259,759.18 and Payroll Warrants/Checks 72436 and electronic deposits in the amount of \$131,180.00

**MOVED** by Councilmember Holloway **SECOND** by Councilmember Mayhew to approve the Warrant/Claims as stated in the Claims Approval Report. Discussion.

Point of Order by Councilmember Mayhew requesting members to address the chair when speaking.

Motion **CARRIED** 5 to 1 with Councilmember Shepard voting against.

### Other reports

Point of Order by Councilmember Holloway stating the Finance and Administration Council Committee requested a list of Councilmembers Shepard's questions some time ago and that list is yet to be presented to the committee. The committee is ready to discuss those questions whenever Councilmember Shepard is ready.

### Public Safety Council Committee

No report.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### Ad Hoc Committee – Planning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Town Hall meeting

Council discussed the possible scheduling of the next Town Hall meeting on May 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at Cascade View Elementary School. The general topic would be the possible Community Center expansion with the consideration of adding a swimming pool.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Jeans **SECOND** by Councilmember Holloway.

Discussion.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Laase to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee as it currently exists. Motion **FAILED** due to a lack of a **SECOND**.

Discussion.

Point of Order by Councilmember Holloway asking whether the council could email each other to schedule a town hall meeting without breaking Open Public Meeting rules.

Discussion.

**MOVED** by Councilmember Laase to consider alternate dates for the next Town Hall meeting **SECOND** by Councilmember Shepard.

Discussion.

Motion **CARRIED**, 6 to 0.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Mayor Larson stated that staff reports were verbal.

Bob Larson attended the North Bend City Council meeting on April 16, 2019, with Chief Phipps and Captain Almquist. North Bend City Councilmembers unanimously approved the Police Services Contract, which is a 6-year contract extension.

## Council Goals and Objectives

Discussion.

Councilmember Holloway requested that each council committee take some time in the coming week to run through the goals and objectives that pertain to their particular committee. The Finance and Administration Council Committee will then collect the committee feedback, take an overall look and bring them back to council in three weeks. Councilmember Holloway requested that staff add a discussion item to each council committee agenda to review their particular goals and objectives.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Council, **MOVED** by Councilmember Holloway **SECOND** by Councilmember Ross to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Larson adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

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Matthew R. Larson, Mayor

Attest:

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Jodi Warren/MMC City Clerk

Minutes recorded by  
Tiah Branson, CMC, Executive Assistant/Deputy City Clerk