

**Snohomish City Council Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kartak called the Snohomish City Council regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

**COUNCILMEMBERS/MAYOR PRESENT**

Larry Countryman  
Steve Dana  
Judith Kuleta  
Tom Merrill  
Felix Neals  
Donna Ray  
Linda Redmon  
John T. Kartak, Mayor

**STAFF PRESENT**

Debbie Burton, Finance Director  
Emily Guildner, City Attorney's Office  
Yoshihiro Monzaki, City Engineer  
Robert Palmer, Police Chief  
Glen Pickus, Planning Director  
Steve Schuller, City Administrator and Utility  
General Manager  
Brandi Whitson, Deputy City Clerk

***NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 declared federal, state and local emergency, and pursuant to Governor Inslee's Proclamations 20-05 and 20-28, the Snohomish City Council held its meeting via remote participation.***

2. **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY MAYOR JOHN T. KARTAK.** Mayor Kartak provided a statement regarding the necessity to conduct the remote meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

3. **APPROVE AGENDA** contents and order.

**MOTION** by Redmon, second by Merrill to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

4. **APPROVE MINUTES** of the January 19, 2021 workshop and regular meeting.

**MOTION** by Ray, second by Countryman to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 workshop and regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS.** Mayor Kartak welcomed the citizens to the meeting and discussed the procedures for providing citizen comment.

Citizen Comments:

**Ival Salyer** and **Mike Caldwell** commented on the Hearing Examiner's decision and traffic safety relating to Walsh Hills.

**Morgan Davis** commented on the City's law enforcement contract.

**Tabitha Baty** spoke to Snohomish for Equity's upcoming events.

**Mark Miller** commented on the welfare of others.

**Karen Crowley** reported on the League of Women Voters' upcoming training on redistricting.

City Comments: Closed

6. **ACTION ITEM:** ACCEPT Planning Commission 2020 Annual Report and APPROVE 2021 Work Program

Mr. Pickus briefly recapped the Planning Commission's 2020 Annual report and 2021 Work Program, both covered in detail during the workshop prior to the regular meeting.

Citizen Comments:

**John Lorenz** and **Morgan Davis** commented on the City's southern UGA.

City Comments: Closed

**MOTION** by Ray, second by Kuleta to accept the Planning Commission 2020 Annual Report to the City Council. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

**MOTION** by Neals, second by Merrill to approve the 2021 Planning Commission Work Program. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

7. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

- a. **AMEND** SMC 7.12.010 Animal Licensing - ADOPT Ordinance 2411
- b. **APPROVE** Revised Fee Schedule for 2021 - PASS Resolution 1416
- c. **AUTHORIZE** Mayor to Execute Professional Services Agreement with BHC for Wastewater Engineering Services
- d. **AUTHORIZE** payment of claim warrants #74383 through #74447 in the amount of \$400,869.92, and payroll warrants #70142 through #74456 in the amount of \$465,457.15, issued since the last regular meeting.

**MOTION** by Countryman, second by Neals to **PASS** the Consent Items. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

8. **OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS:** Councilmember Kuleta initiated a discussion on the County's justification in raising various law enforcement costs to the City. She requested a breakdown of the costs and what factors were driving the increase. She explained that while the increases may be legitimate, they were difficult to accept without additional information. Council discussed its concerns with the increased costs and timing of notification, what assumptions were made from the first contract, and the difference in expenditures from before the City contracted with the Sheriff's Office. Councilmember Ray suggested a workshop with County staff to discuss these issues.

9. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS:**

Councilmember Countryman clarified annexation into the City's southern UGA was up to the property owners, and if they were not interested in annexation then the City should pursue other options.

Councilmember Kuleta attended a meeting with Snohomish for Equity and reported receiving a thank you note from a citizen for the quick response to repair a pothole on Ford Avenue.

Councilmember Ray commented on reviewing the City's Boards and Commissions, and asked each of the Council liaisons to work with staff and Board/Commission members to ensure they were adequately supported. She suggested annual reports from each Board and Commission to maintain open dialog with the Council.

10. **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S ITEMS/REPORTS:** Council President Redmon reported meeting with the Alliance for Housing Affordability and suggested having them attend a Council meeting to discuss housing options, given the City's focus on reviewing land use and future development. She discussed codifying the Youth Council, as they are helpful to the Council and provide a unique perspective to City issues.
11. **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS:** Mr. Schuller presented a recently-published map of 2021 construction projects, the agenda planner, and the latest issue of the *Quarterly Magazine*.
12. **MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Kartak commented on police services and clarified that the police model has not changed; the new contract will not ask for additional personnel. He shared upcoming meetings:
  - Midtown Task Force - February 9
  - Coffee with the Mayor - February 12
  - City Council meeting - February 16, with a workshop prior
13. **ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of February, 2021.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

ATTEST:

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John T. Kartak, Mayor

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Brandi Whitson, Deputy City Clerk