

**Snohomish City Council Workshop Minutes
March 3, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kartak called the Snohomish City Council Workshop to order at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2020, in the Snohomish School District Resource Service Center, George Gilbertson Boardroom, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish, Washington.

COUNCILMEMBERS/MAYOR PRESENT

Larry Countryman
Steve Dana
Judith Kuleta
Tom Merrill
Donna Ray
Jason Sanders
John Kartak, Mayor

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Adams, HR Manager and City Clerk
Debbie Burton (*late arrival 5:05 p.m.*)
Glen Pickus, Planning Director
Steve Schuller, City Administrator and
Utility General Manager

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Redmon

2. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Affordable Housing

Mr. Chris Collier, Program Manager with Alliance for Housing Affordability (AHA), provided a presentation to the City Council. He explained the history of AHA and its mission to increase the supply of affordable housing in Snohomish County. Mr. Collier presented information to the City Council, and the Council discussed and asked questions related to the following City and County housing issues:

- Housing Stock
- Jobs and Median Incomes
- Home Types and Required Incomes
- Rental Housing and Required Incomes

The Council also discussed:

- Housing Options (zoning, regulations, and density)
- Engaging the Community (i.e., Midtown Planning District Task Force)

Mr. Collier explained the City Council imposed a sales tax, as a credit against the state sales tax with use of those revenues limited to supporting affordable housing needs within Snohomish. During the two month period when the revenue was collected, the City received \$7,200.

When the new tax was adopted, the City Council delayed making a decision regarding how the revenue would be allocated. The Council reviewed and discussed the following potential options to be determined at a later date:

- Pool It: County, Other Cities, AHA
- Grant It: Nonprofits (SNOAHG, Housing Hope, YWCA, HASCO, etc.)
- Use It: Rental Assistance

3. **ADJOURN** at 5:58 p.m.

APPROVED this 17th day of March 2020

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

ATTEST:

John Kartak, Mayor

Pat Adams, City Clerk

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