

**Snohomish City Council Special Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2020**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kartak called the Snohomish City Council special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, June 4, 2020.

COUNCILMEMBERS/MAYOR PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Adams, City Clerk and HR Manager
Emily Guildner, City Attorney's Office
Wendy Poischbeg, Economic Development and
Communications Manager
Steve Schuller, City Administrator and
Utility General Manager
Grant Weed, City Attorney
Brandi Whitson, Administrative Assistant

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 and COUNCIL PRESIDENT JASON SANDERS.** Mayor Kartak provided a statement regarding the necessity to conduct the remote meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and reviewed additional emergency restrictions currently in place.

Council President Sanders gave a statement acknowledging numerous citizen remarks received over the past few days, and the efforts of Council to embrace those comments and consider appropriate actions. The community is being heard. The purpose of tonight's meeting is for Council to consider and discuss with legal counsel what has been heard and what the Council can do.

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

MOTION by Sanders, second by Merrill, to revise tonight's agenda to allow citizen comments during the first hour of the meeting, with a one-minute time limit per speaker, and approve agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

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

Citizen Comments: Ms. Adams read written comments received. Mayor Kartak requested Council direction in allowing both written and oral comments received from the same individual(s).

MOTION by Ray, second by Countryman to limit comments per speaker to one, regardless if submitted orally or in written format.

Council President Sanders remarked that complete written comments were forwarded to all Councilmembers, and wished to move that if time allows, an individual would be permitted time to make additional comment.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: Motion passed (5-2), with Sanders and Redmon voting against.

Citizen Comments: continued. Oral comments received from thirty-eight (38) citizens, all relating to events over the past week.

4. **RECESS:** The meeting was recessed at 6:11 p.m. due to outside disruptions during the *Zoom* meeting.

5. **RECONVENE:**

MOTION by Redmon, second by Kuleta, to reconvene the meeting immediately into Executive Session at an alternate *Zoom* log-in at 6:30 p.m., due to disruptions at original location, with media being advised of the new log-in, per OPMA regulations RCW 42.30.050. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The meeting recessed to Executive Session at 6:38 p.m., for one hour, to discuss potential litigation and legal risks of a proposed action or current practice, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), with possible action to follow.

Mr. Schuller **EXTENDED** the Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. for an additional fifteen (15) minutes.

At 7:39 p.m., Mr. Schuller clarified Council's intent to **EXTEND** the Executive Session until 8:06 p.m.

Mr. Schuller **EXTENDED** the Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. for an additional ten (10) minutes.

7. **RECONVENE:** The meeting reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

MOTION by Sanders, second by Ray, authorizing the issuance of the letter created by the City Council in Executive Session, and by voting "Aye" each Councilmember agrees to include their name to the letter as signatory. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Councilmember Merrill read the letter for the record.

MOTION by Sanders, second by Redmon to appoint Councilmember Kuleta as Council liaison to Snohomish for Equity, with the intent of coordinating and scheduling meetings with 1) the Snohomish School District, and, 2) community members for a community town hall. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

MOTION by Sanders, second by Ray to appoint Councilmembers Redmon and Ray as Council liaisons to work with Snohomish community merchants for ideas and opportunities to support them.

Councilmember Countryman requested as the current Council liaison to the Historic Downtown Snohomish Association, to be included in those discussions.

AMENDED MOTION by Sanders, second by Redmon, to appointment Councilmembers Redmond, Ray and Countryman to explore opportunities and solutions with the Snohomish merchant community moving forward. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

7. ADJOURN:

MOTION by Redmon, second by Countryman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

APPROVED this 16th day of June, 2020.

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

ATTEST:

John T. Kartak, Mayor

Pat Adams, City Clerk