

Snohomish City Council Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2018

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Kartak called the Snohomish City Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the Snohomish School District Resource Service Center, George Gilbertson Boardroom, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish, Washington.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Countryman
Steve Dana
Karen Guzak
John Kartak, Mayor
Tom Merrill
Linda Redmon
Jason Sanders
Lynn Schilaty

STAFF PRESENT

Pat Adams, HR Manager/City Clerk
Debbie Burton, Finance Director
Glen Pickus, Planning Director
Keith Rogers, Police Chief
Steve Schuller, Interim City Administrator
Grant Weed, City Attorney

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

MOTION by Guzak, second by Schilaty to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

3. **APPROVE MINUTES** of the December 5, 2017 regular meeting, and the December 12, 2017 Boards and Commissions Appreciation Dinner.

MOTION by Guzak, second by Redmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the boards and commissions appreciation dinner. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS** on items not on the Agenda

Mayor Kartak welcomed the citizens to the meeting and discussed the procedures for providing citizen comments.

Morgan Davis, 206 Avenue I, thanked the Mayor for allowing the 105 Cedar Avenue Foundation to present several viable alternatives to the Council's August decision to demolish the historic 1968 annex during the upcoming January 11 public meeting concerning the Carnegie Building and Veterans Memorial Projects. He discussed his preferred alternatives for the Carnegie Building site and related financing options.

Mary Curry, emphasized the importance of the City hiring an Economic Development Manager and in keeping local businesses strong, as well as the importance of bridge building. She expressed dissatisfaction with the Mayor's handling of citizen comments and his raising the issue of the safe injection sites ban, which is a non-issue. She also noted the Mayor's attendance at other cities City Council meetings with another citizen whom she stated harasses citizens.

Donna Ray, welcomed the new Council and Mayor. She encouraged the Council and the Mayor to keep in the mind the concept of conflict of interest. She referenced the Mayor's Facebook page supporting a business. She takes issue with the Mayor's page endorsing a private business with a full page ad. It's a conflict of interest. City officials should not use their position to promote any one specific business.

Warner Blake, 230 Avenue B, spoke to the many gross and embarrassing errors on the history page of the City's website, which links to Wikipedia and is hopelessly out of date.

He asked that City staff please take charge and make corrections to the history page to ensure accuracy.

Bill Betten, read RCW 42.30.010. He thanked the Council in anticipation of a productive upcoming year. He re-capped the process used to change the plan of government to a strong mayor form and congratulated the candidates on their well-run election campaigns. He suggested the Council's decision making criterion include - considering the negative impacts, positive outcomes and how much will it cost. He also referenced the many projects CPR Snohomish will be involved in as part of the public process.

Arlyce Hopkins, referenced the many bridge building groups holding meetings in town and supports reuniting the community. She finds attacks on Mayor Kartak disturbing. She wants to do what is best for the City of Snohomish.

Carol Roorbuch, summarized Councilmember Guzak's personal, professional and educational background. She feels very well represented by Councilmember Guzak and looks forward to meeting with the other Councilmembers.

Malcolm Bates, 902 Fourth Street, spoke to his father's involvement as a member of the Carnegie Foundation. Prior to losing his memory, he commented on his father's understanding of the importance of honoring the past and creating something of value for the future of the community. The Carnegie Restoration Project is a wonderful plan, it will draw people to the town and is worth the cost. He encouraged citizens to attend the public meeting on January 11.

Brooklyn Stevenson, 226 Avenue C, extended her sincere thanks and appreciation to police and City staff who responded in approximately 90 seconds from her initial call to a large tree that came down in the recent wind storm. In less than an hour, the tree was removed from the street. The City crew and police were professional, fast and kind.

Michael Rohrscheib, 511 Glen, congratulated the new Councilmembers. He commented that Mayor Kartak is supporting a religious group and there needs to be a distinct separation of church and state. He asked why the Mayor deleted a number of controversial posts on his personal Facebook page leading up to the election. He asked the Mayor to provide an update on the Five-Year Plan he and Mr. Betten filmed on Facebook.

Mayor Kartak responded he doesn't have a five-year plan. There has been some discussion regarding Mr. Betten's five-year plan and it can be taken up with Mr. Betten.

Gary Ferguson, 517 Avenue C, thanked the Mayor and Councilmembers for their willingness to serve. It's a huge time commitment. He reviewed the past accomplishments of the Council and wants to maintain that momentum. He requested Council continue with the Carnegie and Hal Moe Pool projects. He encouraged development within the Pilchuck District.

Bob McGowan, 120 Long Street, commented on the great job done by the City's streets crew patching the road between Long and Short Streets. The recycled asphalt worked wonderfully. He suggested the big potholes be backfilled with asphalt. However, the asphalt is now harder than the recycled asphalt and there are huge potholes. He would like the crew to take a look.

Judy Kirkland-Betten, swore before Police Chief Keith Rogers that Mr. Betten had the five-year plan and Mr. John Kartak had nothing to do with the five-year plan.

Lya Badgley, 110 Cedar, welcomed the City's new representatives. She spoke to bridge building in the community. She would also like to see current City projects move forward in a timely manner to better the community.

Citizen Comments: Closed

5. **ACTION ITEM – SELECT** Mayor- Council Liaisons to Boards and Commissions and External Agencies.

Interim Administrator Schuller stated every two years there is a process for appointment to Boards and Commissions. Mr. Schuller reviewed the process for Councilmembers to express their interest in serving as liaisons to City Boards and Commissions and external agencies.

Assignments were proposed as follows:

Board/Commission

Planning Commission
Design Review Board
Parks and Recreation Board
Public Safety Commission
Economic Development Committee
Snohomish Chamber of Commerce
Historic Downtown Snohomish
Snohomish County Tomorrow
Community Transit Board

Councilmember Liaison

Councilmembers Redmon and Dana
Councilmembers Countryman and Guzak
Councilmember Redmon
Councilmembers Merrill and Redmon
Councilmembers Merrill and Schilaty
Councilmember Guzak
Councilmember Countryman
Councilmember Guzak
Councilmember Merrill

Citizen Comments: None
Citizen Comments: Closed

MOTION by Countryman, second by Redmon to **APPOINT** the above listed Councilmembers as liaisons to the Boards and Commissions and external agencies as shown above. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

a. **REVIEW** of City Priorities

Mr. Schuller stated with six newly elected leaders, the recent change in the City's plan of government, and the start of the New Year, he wished to briefly review the City's priorities and services.

The five key City services with 95% of all annual operating costs allocated are as follows:

- 1) Water Bill (wastewater, drinking water and stormwater), 54%
- 2) Law Enforcement (Snohomish County Agreement), 24%
- 3) Transportation, 12%
- 4) Parks (and events), 6%
- 5) Planning and Building, 5%

Mr. Schuller explained services are provided as follows:

- Enterprise Funds – Utility Rates;
- General Fund Revenue;

- Sales Tax, Utility Tax & Property Tax
- Voter Approved Levies, e.g. Transportation Benefit District (TBD), 0.2% Sales Tax;
- Federal, State & Local Grants;
 - Utilities, Transportation and Parks
- Economic Development;
- Growth; and
- Organizational Structure (e.g. Finance, City Clerk, Human Resources, IT, Engineering, City Attorney)

An overview of the General Fund Revenue was provided:

\$ 9,477,758	2018 Budget Revenue
<u>- \$1,661,003</u>	<i>Transfers In (e.g. from Water Utilities)</i>
\$ 7,816,755	Operating Revenue:

\$ 4,150,000	Sales Tax (52.5%)
\$ 1,565,000	Utility Taxes (19.8%)
\$ 1,224,952	Property Tax (15.5%)
\$ 259,000	Development & Building Fees (3.3%)
\$ 7,199,952	Subtotal (92.1%)

All Other Operating Revenue = 7.9%

Mr. Schuller noted economic development and business support were discussed as City priorities, as well as supporting community partnerships, such as the Snohomish Senior Center, Snohomish Boys and Girls Club, Snohomish Senior Housing and the Snohomish Community Food Bank. He described community partner funding as follows:

<i>Aquatic Center - \$55,000 (2012 ILA – 30 year initial term)</i>	
Snohomish Senior Center	\$12,000 (to \$17,000)
Public Utilities for Food Bank	\$ 1,800
Snohomish Health District	\$19,250 (2017)
Alliance for Housing Affordability (AHA)	\$ 1,800
Economic Alliance Sno County (EASC)	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$38,850

Councilmember Guzak thanked staff for their presentation and directed Council to their Annual Goals for 2018 which were provided on the dais tonight. She noted the goals also sets the priorities for the Council. It is available on the City's website and folds into how funding is allocated based on Council priorities.

Citizen Comments: None
 Citizen Comments: Closed

b. **DISCUSS** Interim Ordinance Regarding Sanctioned Drug Injection Sites

Planning Director Glen Pickus stated the purpose of the tonight's agenda item is to discuss the process to address regulating sanctioned drug injection sites. It is not to discuss the pros and cons of sanctioned drug injection sites. Sanctioned drug injection sites, sometimes called a "safe injection site" is a legally sanctioned medically supervised facility designed to reduce nuisance from public drug use and to provide a hygienic and stress-free environment in which individuals are able to consume illicit recreational drugs intravenously.

This has become a topic of conversation because the King County Heroin and Opiate

Addiction Task Force issued a final report and recommendations. One of the recommendations is to establish at least two sites, on a pilot program basis, where supervised consumption of drugs is allowed and low-barrier access to on-site health services and screenings, referrals, and other supportive services are provided. The Seattle City Council is very supportive of this and has budgeted funds to help establish the facility. However, to date, there are no sanctioned drug injection sites in Washington or in the United States.

Without any zoning regulations addressing sanctioned drug injection sites, it is possible such a facility could be located in Snohomish before adequate regulations are in place. However, staff is unaware of any plans to do so. Also, some people have expressed concerns about the negative impacts to the community that a sanctioned drug injection site within City might create, even with adequate regulations. An interim ordinance would prevent such a facility from being established in the city until appropriate regulations are adopted. Appropriate regulations could include everything from a total ban to allowing the facilities in specified land use designation areas to requiring special permitting such as a Conditional Use Permit.

Title 14 of the Snohomish Municipal Code (SMC), the Land Use Development Code, categorizes land uses and establishes regulations for each type of land use, including in which Land Use Designation Areas the use can occur. Chapter 14.207 SMC, Land Use Tables, breaks land uses into nine general categories. If it is not listed, it is not allowed.

None of the categories list sanctioned drug injection sites as a land use. However, the General Services Land Use Table includes "Miscellaneous Health" as a land use. Because that is such a broad term that is not defined in the SMC, it could be argued that a sanctioned drug injection site is a subset of Miscellaneous Health. A Miscellaneous Health use is permitted outright in the following land use designation areas:

- Commercial
- Historic Business District
- Business Park
- Industrial; and
- Mixed Use.

Staff seeks direction on how to proceed. The following are three options the Council may consider:

- 1) Adopt interim regulations - a moratorium placing a moratorium on any applications for a sanctioned drug injection site for six months, allowing City staff time to research the issue and develop permanent regulations. If the ordinance were brought to Council at the next meeting, a public hearing would need to be held within 60 days. A part of the process would be to develop a work plan for developing permanent regulations. The work plan would constitute some public outreach, and go to the Planning Commission for them to study the issue and hold a public hearing. The Planning Commission would make a recommendation to the City Council. Staff would draft an ordinance consistent with the final recommendation and the City Council would hold a public hearing on the issue. The recommendation could be anything from prohibiting sanctioned drug injection sites from being located in the City, or it could allow them and specify what zones it allowed or it could even include allowing them, but requiring a Conditional Use Permit. The Planning Commission would tackle these options in their process.
- 2) Skip the interim ordinance step, but direct staff to start the process and take it to the Planning Commission to review and develop permanent regulations. However, if somebody presents an application before regulations are in place, it would be a

problem. To date, nobody has approached the City about obtaining an application and the reality is if there is going to be a sanctioned drug injection site within Snohomish County, it will likely not be in Snohomish.

3) Do Nothing.

Councilmember Merrill inquired about a medical clinic being an allowable land use, and whether the City could reject an application for a medical clinic.

Mr. Pickus responded an applicant could make that argument and he would have to consider it. He could deny it by stating it is not allowed because it's not a listed use. It could then be appealed by the applicant and go before the Hearing Examiner. The Hearing Examiner hypothetically may disagree and state it is allowed as a medical clinic.

Councilmember Dana questioned whether the distribution of opiates in this context is a federal crime and a basis for denying the permit.

City Attorney Grant Weed stated the application for a particular land use does not necessarily require the Planning Director to consider the issue of legality. If it is an operation that requires a business license, the Snohomish Municipal Code does state a business license can be denied if the activity to be conducted is illegal.

Citizen Comments:

Morgan Davis, 206 Avenue I, expressed there is no compelling imminent need for the Council to approve an emergency moratorium ordinance decision tonight. This issue should be vetted by the Planning Commission, along with consideration given to needle exchange locations, methadone clinics, homeless shelter encampments, and low barrier housing. Methadone clinics are a solution to the needle problem. He recommended the issue be remanded to the Planning Commission.

Bill Betten, requested clarification on Mr. Pickus' statement that if a safe injection site were to be located in the County, it would go to Everett and not Snohomish.

Mr. Pickus replied his comment was speculative.

Mr. Betten supports an interim six month ban effective immediately on heroin safe injection sites and does not want to follow in Seattle's footsteps enabling addiction through these destructive sites.

Bob McGowan, 120 Long Street, supports the permanent ban of heroin injection sites. He does not support enabling the drug users. He provided copies to the Council of a study to confirm marijuana is linked to heroin use.

Kari Zimmerman, explained the discussion was not about whether the City wants the safe injection sites, but about logistics. It is enormously unlikely that if a site were to be placed in Snohomish County, it would be in Snohomish. The City needs to think about time spent on what's most likely a non-issue. Bill Betten brought this up at the December 5 meeting. Mayor Kartak and Mr. Betten are working together to promote their agenda.

Meg Gray, 421 Cypress, proposed the City spend it's time and resources on developing programs like Monroe's Community Outreach and Enforcement Team, instead of safe heroin injection sites. The team goes to homeless camps and contacts transients to offer resources for housing and other programs.

Olga Farnam, 11726 187th SE, strongly urged the Council to pass a permanent ban on heroin safe injection sites. Safe injection sites promote criminal activity. Heroin addicts are not productive members of society and curing them is a difficult task. Snohomish doesn't need these sites in the community.

Jan Lengenfelder, 222 Avenue A, supports safe injection sites as they provide addicts with a chance to turn their lives around and provides an opportunity for counseling. She speculates these programs will be run by the public health department, and will not come to Snohomish.

Mitch Cornelison, 331 Avenue F, advised the Council to take clear, firm and immediate action, so as not to waste resources. Snohomish is not Seattle and will not necessarily receive an application for an injection site, but to pass a ban will ensure this will not happen. It's a clear distinct decision – make it, be done and move on.

Judy Kirkland-Betten, supports rewriting the laws, so the Planning Director has the power to reject applications for safe injection sites.

Arlyce Hopkins, supports an immediate moratorium, as somebody might come in under the radar as a medical facility, when in actuality, it is a safe injection site. Snohomish is not prepared to accommodate heroin injection sites.

Karen Crowley, 602 Avenue A, supports a process for addressing this issue in a holistic manner. The City doesn't have a good plan to respond to the issue of opioid abuse. She wants a thoughtful plan.

Bill Rockwell, 13309 93rd Avenue SE, supports an immediate ban. It is the most expedient way to address the issue.

Mike Whitney, 521 Cypress, does not support safe injection sites, but he does support a deliberative democratic process.

Citizen Comments: Closed

Councilmember Sanders stated opioid abuse and addiction is a national problem. There is no one solution. This is a complex problem. The City needs to explore options. He does not view Snohomish as an appropriate location for this type of facility and supports a six-month moratorium.

Councilmember Merrill noted a Council Goal which referenced developing a broader City role and strategy to deal with homelessness, addictions, and mental health problems in the community. He would like to see the energy devoted to this moratorium going into beginning to deal with the City's overall strategy is addressing these issues. He doesn't see a safe injection site coming to this area anytime soon.

Councilmember Redmon does not want to be reactive and wants to be proactive in how the City deals with this problem. She noted the impact on City staff and how much time would be dedicated to addressing this issue. It involves considerable resources just to deal with the temporary moratorium. It makes more sense to develop a comprehensive plan for the long term.

Councilmember Guzak agreed this is not an issue for the City currently. As Councilmember Dana pointed out, the City can deny the site even if one comes in by not issuing a business license. She does not support expending resources on this matter

and is in favor of doing nothing at this time. She supports a more holistic approach, as referenced in the Council Goals.

Councilmember Dana stated citizens voted 2 to 1 in November denying marijuana sales in town. It is clear the voters are not interested in having drug use or sales in the City as an allowable activity. He suspects if the City went back to the voters and asked what they felt about sanctioned drug injection sites, they would probably vote similarly. This is a permitting issue, and he supports the Planning Commission investigating and developing code language which would be appropriate. He favors a public process where the community has gone through the review, discussion and a recommendation, which would give the Council the authority to approve or disapprove this action. A six month moratorium and giving the Planning Commission a work program to develop code language, with public hearings, will show due diligence and provide support to the Planning Director in the event an application was made to the City.

Councilmember Schilaty was not supportive of marijuana retail businesses within the City. The difference with that issue was there was a state initiative passed to allow marijuana to be grown, processed and sold within the State. The City needed to make an imminent decision. The Attorney General indicated cities could ban or place a moratorium while researching permanent solutions. This was the single biggest issue in her ten years on the City Council. However, the issue was imminent. It is difficult for her to conclude this matter needs to be handled immediately. The procedure by which these type of ordinances are enacted are timely and require extensive resources. She supports focusing on a more comprehensive plan to deal with these matters, similar to the program the City of Monroe has implemented.

MOTION by Guzak to do nothing and take a holistic approach and review options at a later date. There being no second, the motion died.

Mayor Kartak stated the likelihood of having an organization come to the City and open a safe injection site is low. However, the consequences if one should come to Snohomish at some point would be tremendous. He asked Planning Director Pickus if other cities have a ban in place and the simplicity to implement a ban.

Mr. Pickus explained there is simplicity in adopting the interim regulations because other cities have done the work. However, Snohomish is unique, so there is no "copying and pasting" for any permanent regulations. It would require public hearings to hear what the community wants and he is confident the Planning Commission would feel the same way.

MOTION by Dana, second by Countryman that a six month moratorium be adopted for sanctioned drug injection sites, with the stipulation that the Planning Commission undertake a work program to develop code language addressing conditions under which drug injection sites may or may not be allowed. The motion failed (4-3). Guzak, Merrill, Schilaty and Redmon voted nay. Sanders, Dana and Countryman voted aye.

MOTION by Sanders, second by Dana to permanently ban safe injection sites within the City of Snohomish. The motion failed (3-3 and 1 abstention) Guzak, Redmon, Merrill voted nay. Sanders, Dana and Countryman voted aye. Schilaty abstained.

Attorney Weed provided clarification that were there to be a successful motion to permanently ban safe injection sites through the land use code, it would require the matter be sent to the Planning Commission and there be public hearing(s) and the ordinance be brought back to Council for consideration.

MOTION by Guzak to do nothing and take a holistic approach and review options at a later date. There being no second, the motion died.

MOTION by Schilaty, second by Countryman, that staff draft a six-month interim moratorium ordinance for sanctioned drug injection sites, with the stipulation that the Planning Commission undertake a work program to develop code language addressing conditions under which drug injection sites may or may not be allowed, while staff simultaneously works on a more comprehensive plan to deal with these issues.

Councilmember Redmon does not support a ban. She has spoken to citizens that do want safe injection sites. She wanted to make sure everybody's viewpoints were being heard.

Councilmember Guzak does not support the motion. She thinks the effort expends excessive staff resources. She wants a more holistic approach to these issues.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: The motion passed (4-3). Countryman, Dana, Schilaty and Sanders voted aye. Guzak, Merrill and Redmon voted nay.

c. **REVIEW** Council's Rules and Procedures

Attorney Grant Weed stated the purpose of this agenda item is for biennial review and for providing further direction to staff regarding the City Council's resolution for its operating rules and procedures. This review is to be done as needed, but no less than every two years in January of even-numbered years, which is the same time that new Councilmember terms begin.

Mr. Weed discussed the following key issues recommended for discussion by the Council as follows:

- Mayor Pro Tem or Council President
- Council Meeting Agenda
- Adjournment
- Communications Technology
- Public Comments

Citizen Comments:

Morgan Davis, referenced page 38 of the Council agenda packet and noted under Public Comments the goal is to improve citizen engagement and to have two-way communication. He would like that goal to be embraced and put into practice. The past Council discouraged dialogue with the citizens. He questioned the meeting end time from 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and wanted to know if the City Attorney and/or Councilmembers' compensation would be affected by this change.

Bill Betten, 7429 Orchard, thanked Interim City Administrator Schuller for his presentation earlier in the evening on the budget. Mr. Betten agreed with Mr. Davis. He supports the Council engaging in an open two-way dialogue with the citizens.

Citizen Comments: Closed

Councilmember Schilaty stated the City Council meetings are business meetings. It's to conduct the business of the City in an efficient and effective manner. It's not the place for a two-way dialogue, which would be more appropriate in a Town Hall Meeting forum.

She noted Council meeting packets are distributed in advance of the meetings, which provides an opportunity for citizens to directly contact the Mayor, Councilmembers or staff with their questions. She would like to see citizen comments only in the beginning of the meeting. Since citizen comments have been allowed on all agenda items, with the exception of New Business and Consent Items, the Council meetings have been lengthier.

Councilmember Schilaty supports changing the Council workshops and regular meeting times to begin one hour earlier, and is in favor of a Council President.

Councilmember Guzak favors a Council President, and agreed with Councilmember Schilaty that by extending citizen comments to most agenda items, the meetings have become longer and more conflicted. She supports citizen comments on Public Hearings and Action Items, but not Discussion Items. The Mayor, Councilmembers and staff are all available by email and phone. She supports Town Hall Meetings.

Councilmember Sanders supports a Council President.

Councilmember Merrill supports a Council President and for limiting citizen comments, as long as there are Town Hall Meetings and other forums for citizens to engage in open dialogue with the Council.

Councilmember Redmon supports a Council President, and agreed with the idea of limiting citizen comments on discussion items, but would like to hold Town Hall Meetings or other forums for community dialogue.

Councilmember Countryman supports a Council President.

Councilmember Dana recalled when he was elected to the City Council in 1989, meetings started at 7:00 p.m. and often lasted until midnight. Public comment was allowed after Council actions were completed. In order to comment on any item, citizens were not allowed to comment at all until the end of the meeting. When elected Mayor in 1991, he changed the public comment to coincide with the agenda items to enable people to talk. Councilmember Schilaty's comment that the Council meetings are to address the City's business is true. Citizen comments are a courtesy, not a right, which the Council extends to the public.

Councilmember Dana is in favor of a Council President.

MOTION by Guzak, second by Redmon to elect a Council President, who will also serve as the Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed (7-0).

MOTION by Schilaty, second by Guzak to move the start time of the City Council Workshops from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the City Council regular meeting end time from 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., to be extended by thirty minute intervals up to 10:00 p.m., if needed. The motion passed (6-1). Countryman voted nay.

MOTION by Guzak, second by Schilaty to allow citizen comments at the beginning of the meeting under Citizen Comments, Public Hearings, Action Items, but not for Discussion Items, New Business or Consent Items.

Councilmember Schilaty moved that the motion be **AMENDED** to disallow all citizen comments except at the beginning of the meeting during Citizen Comment and for Public Hearings. There being no second, the amended motion died.

Councilmember Dana does not support preventing citizens from commenting. He

supports citizen comments during discussion items. He opposes the motion.

Councilmember Guzak has witnessed the privilege to comment abused on numerous occasions. If a citizen wishes to comment on a discussion item, they are allowed to do so during citizen comments at the beginning of the meeting.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: The motion passed (4-3). Redmon, Guzak, Schilaty and Merrill voted aye. Dana, Sanders and Countryman voted nay.

7. **ACTION ITEM: APPOINT** Council President

Mr. Schuller explained this agenda item is for the City Council to select from the current Councilmembers an individual to serve in the role of Council President. In past years, this has been for a two-year term. There are many ways to accomplish this and meet the requirements of state law. However, due to the expectation that the Council will want to follow recent past practice to allow for written ballot voting, it is anticipated that a motion would first be made to waive regular procedures, which require all votes to be by voice. Mr. Schuller described the procedure for nominating and electing the Council President.

MOTION by Schilaty, second by Guzak that the City Council waive the usual procedures to allow the vote by written ballot. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

Councilmember Guzak nominated Councilmember Sanders for Council President, second by Councilmember Schilaty.

Mayor Kartak read the written ballots with Councilmember Sanders receiving seven votes.

The Clerk confirmed the count and Councilmember Sander's appointment to Council President.

MOTION by Schilaty, second by Dana to take a voice call vote and appoint Councilmember Sanders as Council President to serve a two-year term, terminating the first Council meeting in January 2020. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

8. **CONSENT ITEMS:**

a. **AUTHORIZE** payment of claim warrants #61861 through #62011 in the amount of \$980,951.43, and payroll checks #15437 through #15450 in the amount of \$399,367.51 issued since the last regular meeting.

b. **REAPPOINT** Jeff Rasmussen as the City's Representative to the Board of Health.

MOTION by Guzak, second by Schilaty to pass the Consent Items. The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

9. **OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION ITEMS:** None

10. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilmember Schilaty welcomed the new Councilmembers.

Councilmember Guzak welcomed the new Councilmembers and looks forward to working with each of them. She attended the Alliance for Affordable Housing (AHA) meeting and briefed the County Council on their midterm goals. Currently, the City provides \$1,800 per month based on population. AHA is looking to establish a trust fund of \$500,000. She hopes the City will be willing to step up and contribute to the affordable housing effort. The

12th Annual Winter Solstice Walk sponsored by Yoga Circle Studio was very successful. She attended the toilet paper ribbon cutting with Mayor Kartak for the City Hall Restroom Dedication. Councilmember Guzak thanked Scott Cox for the women's restroom improvements.

Councilmember Sanders thanked the Councilmembers for voting him as Council President. He is excited to assume the duties of this role. On January 3, he will be attending the Economic Alliance of Snohomish County. On January 11, there will be a Carnegie Project meeting at the Aquatic Center. He gave a shout out to the local Fire Department for their quick response to a minor incident at his residence at 2 a.m. involving a pan left on the stove.

Councilmember Merrill looks forward to serving as liaison to the Public Safety Commission, Economic Development Commission and Community Transit Board.

Councilmember Redmon reported that she spoke with Mr. Schuller regarding live streaming Council meetings. Unfortunately, it is beyond the resources of the City. However, this does not prevent citizens from live streaming. Mr. Schuller will be making a presentation at a Building Bridges presentation to inform the community about how the City operates. This will allow for an off-line, face-to-face discussion on Thursday, February 1 at Looking Glass Coffee at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmember Dana stated there will be a Planning Commission meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. in the School District Boardroom.

11. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Schuller stated there will be a Mayor and City Council group photo at the January 16 meeting scheduled prior to the regular Council meeting. The group photo will be placed in the City's February Quarterly Magazine.

The second community meeting for the Carnegie Project will be held on Thursday, January 11 from 6 to 8:00 p.m. at the Snohomish Aquatic Center.

Mr. Schuller also wanted to mention that the regular Council meetings are available on audio at the City's website for those who cannot attend the meetings.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Kartak stated the City lost its K-9 handler who resigned. Chief Rogers is working with City Hall to determine what the City's options are and it will be discussed with the Council at the next meeting.

MOTION by Schilaty, second by Guzak to **EXTEND** the City Council meeting from 10:00 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

13. ADJOURN to EXECUTIVE SESSION at 10:02 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) with no action to follow.

14. RECONVENE and ADJOURN at 10:12 p.m.

APPROVED this 16th day of January 2018

CITY OF SNOHOMISH

ATTEST:

John Kartak, Mayor

Pat Adams, City Clerk