



# City of Duvall City Council Meeting

## Minutes

October 3, 2023  
15619 Main Street, NE  
Duvall, WA 98019

Remote Option Made Available

### Members Present:

Amy Ockerlander, Mayor  
Amy McHenry, Mayor Pro Tempore  
Corey Lovett  
Jennifer Knaplund  
Mike Supple  
Ronn Mercer

### Staff Present:

Cynthia McNabb, City Administrator  
Michael DeBock, Chief of Police (Remote)  
Steven Leniszewski, Director of Public Works  
John Botero, City Clerk  
Beth McMinn, Director of Finance  
Lara Thomas, Director of Comm. Dev.

### Guests Present:

Daniel P. Kenny, City Attorney  
Jenn Hernandez  
Laura Smith, Empower Youth Network  
Kira Avery, Sno-Valley Senior Center  
Nela Cumming, Encompass  
Alyce Seiberlich  
James Webster  
Marc Hoffman  
Ashok Savasee  
Ashwini Savasee  
Axton Burton  
Juniper Belmont (Remote)

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The agenda and corresponding material are available by clicking [HERE](#).



## **Part I – Committee of the Whole Meeting.**

- A. Good of the Order.** Mayor Pro Tempore Amy McHenry opened the meeting at 17.32 and welcomed all attendees.
- B. Review of Regular Meeting Agenda.** Mayor Pro Tempore McHenry asked all Councilmembers present to review the agenda and propose any changes thereto; there were no comments from the Council.
- C. Finance Policies.** City Administrator Cynthia McNabb presented this item and reviewed the comments that Council members submitted. Ms. McNabb went one comment at a time and, after reading it, opened the floor for discussion, particularly with the purchasing policy, which was the main item of discussion. After discussion, Councilmembers asked to adopt specific changes, suggested others, and agreed on final versions of some changes. Finally, the City Administrator will include these changes and bring this item back to the Council for discussion. The City Administrator stated that this item would be back on the agenda at the next Council meeting.
- D. Public Art Policy.** As time ran out, the City Administrator stated that this item would be on the next agenda for discussion and up for a vote.
- E. Adjournment.** After Ms. McNabb finished discussing both items stated above, Mayor Pro Tempore McHenry adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 18.51.

## **Part II – City Council Regular Meeting.**

- A. Call to Order and Flag Salute.** Mayor Amy Ockerlander called the meeting to order at 19.02 and asked all attendees to rise to salute the flag.
- B. Roll Call.** The City Clerk called all Council members to record their attendance. All Council members except Messrs. Isaacson and Shaffer were present at the meeting. The Mayor Pro Tempore then moved to excuse Mr. Shaffer's absence, which Mr. Supple seconded. All Councilmembers voted aye, without any nays recorded.
- C. Additions and Corrections to the Agenda.** Mayor Ockerlander asked Councilmembers to review the agenda. Mayor Pro Tempore McHenry moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Supple. The motion passed unanimously without any opposition from members present.
- D. Proclamations.** Mayor Ockerlander asked the City Clerk to read the proclamations for Fire Prevention Week and Indigenous People's Day on the record.
- E. Comments from the Audience.** The Mayor called upon the City Clerk to read all comments received by the City Clerk's Office, which the City Clerk did and are



attached to these minutes as Exhibit A. Then, the Mayor opened the floor for members of the public to comment. After members of the public commented, Mayor Ockerlander invited members attending the meeting remotely to speak.

**F. Consent Agenda.** Mayor Ockerlander asked for the approval of the items contained in the consent agenda, namely:

1. Payroll and Claim Approval in the amount of \$ 608,426.34
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from the September 19, 2023, Council Meeting
3. Agenda Bill 23-55 - Title 2 § 28 – Cultural Commission Code Change
4. Agenda Bill 23-66 – 2023 Citywide Vehicle and Heavy Equipment Purchases
5. Agenda Bill 23-69 – Amendment to Roles for Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

Mayor Pro Tempore McHenry moved to approve the consent agenda, and Mr. Mercer seconded—the motion carried by six ayes and zero nays.

**G. Mayor's Report.** Mayor Ockerlander informed Council of her previous meetings with the Association of Washington Cities and her work with that organization. Also, he informed Council of her upcoming engagements with different organizations.

**H. City Administrator's Report.** City Administrator Cynthia McNabb informed Council of upcoming important dates and current events happening at City Hall. Director of Public Works Steven Leniszewski and Director of Community Development Lara Thomas also took the opportunity to present progress and challenges in their respective departments.

**I. Council Committee/Ad-Hoc Committee Reports.** Councilmember Knaplund took this opportunity to inform Council of her attendance at a Town Hall meeting hosted by the City of Carnation regarding their ongoing issues with the flood alert systems and inquired as to Duvall's involvement in the emergency management process as well as what safeguards the City of Duvall had when confronting a real-life scenario. City Administrator McNabb mentioned that the Emergency Management Coordinator was part of a discussion related to the same and that she had a conversation with the City Administrator of the City of Carnation regarding the same issue, with the goal of seeking solutions and alternatives.

**J. Agenda Bill 23-67, SCORE Contract Amendment.** Chief of Police Michael DeBock presented this item remotely. He mentioned that the City of Issaquah recently increased its fees. Still, based on the reduction of arrests, the city's reliance on Issaquah's service was reduced during this fiscal year and, therefore, foresaw that the impact on the current and next year's budgets would be minimal, if any. Councilmember Supple moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended SCORE amendment, an action which the Mayor Pro Tempore seconded. The motion carried unanimously with six aye votes.

**K. Agenda Bill 23-68, Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Issaquah Jail.**



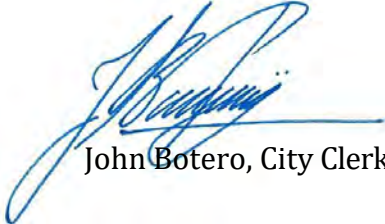
Chief DeBock also presented on this item, in which he mirrored his previous presentation in that Issaquah increased the costs of a jail stay and a guaranteed bed for the City's needs. But, based on the reduction of arrests, the city's reliance on Issaquah's service was reduced during this fiscal year and, therefore, foresaw that the impact on the current and next year's budgets would be minimal, if any. Chief DeBock then asked the Council to authorize the Mayor to sign the amended ILA with Issaquah jails. Mayor Pro Tempore McHenry motioned to approve, which Mr. Mercer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**L. Closed Session, Discussion on Collective Bargaining under RCW § 42.30.140(4)(A).** At 20.01, Mayor Ockerlander invited Councilmembers to exit Council chambers to have its closed session. She alerted the attendees that no further business would occur after Council returned from its closed session. The session lasted until 20.36.

**M. Adjournment.** Having no other business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 20.37. There was no opposition to the meeting being adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted,



John Botero, City Clerk



# Exhibit A

**From:**  
**To:** [City of Duvall City Clerk](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for today's meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 15:48:04

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Hello,

I am unable to attend the city council meeting in person tonight but just wanted to share my support for Pride art and events in the community. As a transgender & queer person, the art installation that Axton facilitated helped me feel safe and seen in my own community. Queer folks are an important part of our town and contribute immensely to the culture and wellbeing of our community, we are deserving of respect, dignity, and support. Without the Duvall City Council taking a stance against bigotry and advocating for us, we truly fear for our safety. As residents of Duvall and community members of the greater Snoqualmie Valley, we need you to hear our needs and respond accordingly. Please take appropriate measures to support us and our ability to thrive and contribute to our home town.

Thank you,  
Shea Scribner

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To whom it may concern;

My name is Nixon VanJustice and I have lived on Stillwater Hill for approximately 35 years of my life. I've always been proud to tell people about the magic of this valley, and the sense of community one gets when raised in the embrace of two special towns, Carnation and Duvall.

I have always been heavily involved in my communities. While attending Tolt Middle School I won a national community service award for volunteering at the Sno Valley Senior Center. In my high school years, I was the president of the Teens Acting For Tomorrow Youth Council, I served for a time as Romeo, the CHS mascot. I did shotput and discus for CHS track and field and was a goalie for the JV Soccer team there as well. I was in the CHS pep and concert bands, and was heavily involved in the theater department, Knowledge Bowl team, and peer counseling.

Despite my involvement in the communities where I grew up. I struggled a lot. I didn't have the vocabulary or framework to discuss my struggles, thoughts, or feelings, and felt hopelessly lost for a very long time. Suicide felt like an option many times. Having no representation of people like me, or anyone in adjacent communities, was really harmful. It wasn't until years later, when I moved away and went to college did I fully understand and was able to communicate that I am a gay trans man. I always have been but didn't have words for it.

After college, I went off to the Peace Corps in Cambodia, and upon completing my service I came back to our sleepy little valley and started my transition. 10 years ago, transitioning here in the valley was harsh. People didn't understand and many of the people that confronted me in the grocery store or gas station weren't even aware trans men existed--they had only ever heard of trans women.

Now here we are, in 2023 and times have changed. No longer am I the only trans person I know of in the valley, and definitely not the only gay person I know; there are far more of us than most people realize. Being able to drive into town and see the Progress Pride Flag art installation that Axton Burton, and many other volunteers, so carefully and thoughtfully put up was a bright and shining message of the progress and increased diversity of the valley. Queer and Trans friends that came to visit would always remark on how special it was to see a small town celebrate the diversity of its residents.

But then one day someone decided to counter love and acceptance with a white Christian Nationalist flag, and in one fell swoop the city pulled down everything on the fence and sent a message to every LGBTQIA+ resident and visitor that Duvall is more invested in not being sued by hate groups than in the wellbeing of its most marginalized members.

To date, the city has not responded in any meaningful way that acknowledges the harm their actions caused or the way in which their actions prop up the hateful ideology of white Christian nationalism.

Duvall owes it to its residents, past, present, and future, to right this wrong and stand with those who value diversity, inclusion, and equity, not those who seek to make it illegal for queer and trans people to exist at all. Put the Progress Pride Flag back up, refuse to let facism into our community, and do the right thing. History has its eyes on you. And voters do too.

Nixon VanJustice



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I am concerned that since the destruction of the pride installation in front of Valley Mail I have heard nothing about how the city is going to move forward to demonstrate a commitment to love over hatred in our community. The clandestine demolition of this symbol of care and acceptance of our LGBTQ+ community members was a kick in the gut for them and for their allies. I hope that the city will step up and make me proud to be a Duvallian again, because right now it's feeling pretty icky.

Liz Ligon

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Statistically, the probability of any one of us being here is so small that you'd think the mere fact of existing would keep us all in a contented dazzlement of surprise. We are alive against the stupendous odds of genetics ... You'd think we'd never stop dancing -- Lewis Thomas

Anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge. -Isaac Asimov

**From:**  
**To:** [City of Duvall City Clerk](#)  
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**Date:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 15:36:02

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As a Snoqualmie Valley resident, I am writing today in full support of a public Pride art installation our beautiful and rapidly growing city of Duvall. The symbols of Pride are a welcoming message to all that Duvall fully supports inclusivity and diversity in our community.

Thank you so much for considering this very important artistic installation that can be enjoyed by everyone when the true (absolutely not sexual) meaning of pride is understood. An accompanying plaque could refer to the meanings of unity through diversity and inclusivity to help spread the peaceful and unifying message.

Sincerely,  
Christine Tapert  
Carnation, WA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:**  
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Please read the following:

"My name is Juniper Belmont and I live in Duvall. I am queer, transgender, non-binary and I use they/them pronouns, thank you very much.

I moved here because I thought I would find a community of like-minded people. Despite leaving the big city, I knew that there were queer and trans people of all kinds here in the valley, and I was right!

Unfortunately, I found that what community there was in this place was small, scattered, and lacking in any real power. But there have got to be strong allies here. Who among us doesn't know queer friends, trans kids, or some gender non-conforming people who attend our schools and churches and who shop at our local businesses?

And yet, despite our town being supposedly liberal, and our council supposedly representing us, we in the queer and trans community are still belittled and actively HATED on by our fellow townspeople.

To that I say: wake up cowards.

Do something.

Be more than whiney bastards (not a bad word) and speak up for your friends and coworkers. Rise up when someone says we don't belong.

Interrupt the silence that drowns us.

Support businesses and groups that fight for us (such as Pride Across the Bridge and Sno-valley Pride)

Buy our art, which comes from a well of creativity and passion greater than any you have experienced.

And for God's sake, stand up to the bigoted Christian, tho never Christ-like, horrible people that fill our town with their hate and prejudice.

Say there's no room for hate in Duvall.

Do something. Say something. FIGHT.

Thank you.

P.S. To all my fellow queer and trans people here and listening. I love you. You are strong. You're not alone."

10/3/23 Public Comment

Dear Mayor and Duvall City Council Members,

We are providing public comment today on behalf of the Snoqualmie Valley Local Advocacy Team. The Snoqualmie Valley Local Advocacy Team is a coalition of valley human service providers led by CarePoint Free Clinic, Empower Youth Network, Encompass, Sno-Valley Senior Center, Snoqualmie Valley Food Bank and Trail Youth. We make up your local human services system.

First, we want to thank you for your unparalleled leadership and commitment to the citizens of Duvall. You've consistently shown that you care and have gone out of your way to think outside the box to try and meet the needs of your residents. We appreciate working with you.

Together, the Snoqualmie Valley human service organizations provide the essential services that enable all people to live their best lives – which many of us take for granted – including things like:

- Early childhood development
- Programs for youth and families
- Services for older adults, individuals with disabilities or mental health challenges
- Access to healthcare
- Safe housing and Mobility
- Access to financial and other resources
- Access to Food

These are uncertain times and the need for the prevention and intervention services we provide is continuing to grow. Many of our organizations have waitlists and are seeing more gaps that we are unable to address under current funding.

As you work through 2024 budget planning, we strongly recommend that you dedicate funding to support the basic needs of the residents in Duvall. As you may know, only 1% of the King County general fund is allocated to support core human services. Many of the human service providers in the valley are not receiving direct funding from King County human service-related levies.

We also recommend that the city continue to explore how to increase human services funding so that there is a continuum of human services available for those living in the Snoqualmie Valley. This includes incorporating human services into your comprehensive plan and allocating funding that covers the full cost of the services we all provide for your residents.

Together we are building a strong, resilient community. Together we can meet our residents and neighbors where they are, pitch in to reinforce strengths and build skills, and provide opportunities for everyone to reach their full potential.

Thank you,

Nela Cumming (Encompass), Laura Smith (Empower Youth Network and Kira Avery (SnoValley Senior Center)