



# Snohomish County Council

## Community Budget Forum

### Meeting Minutes

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Monday, October 11, 2021

6:00 PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

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The County Council holds a Community Budget Forum to give members of the public an opportunity to learn about the budget and to provide input on spending priorities.

#### **PRESENT:**

Council Chair Wright  
Council Vice-Chair Dunn  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Nehring  
Councilmember Mead  
Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff  
Jim Martin, Council Staff  
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff  
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff  
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council  
\*See names below for persons providing public comment

#### **Call to Order:**

Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide remote public comment via Zoom.

#### **Roll Call:**

The clerk called roll and stated that all five members were present.

**Staff Presentation**

PowerPoint Presentation

[2021-0888](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a presentation and a high-level overview of the Executive's recommended 2022 Budget.

Mr. Martin responded to questions from Councilmember Nehring related to revenues and sales tax projection for the county. Mr. Martin said the county is significantly ahead of where the county was last year.

Councilmember Nehring asked about the total of one-time revenue sources. Mr. Martin said he would need to confirm and get back to him. Councilmember Nehring said given the revenue coming in, he didn't think it was appropriate to consider a property tax increase.

Councilmember Low asked if the sales tax was \$11 million higher than what was estimated for this year. Mr. Martin said yes, \$11 to \$12 million over than what was budgeted for this time last year. Councilmember Low asked additional clarifying questions regarding the proposed property tax increase. Mr. Martin responded.

**Public Comment**

Chair Wright opened the meeting for public comment. The following people provided public comment in opposition of the proposed increase in property tax:

Elizabeth Fleming, resident of the city of Edmonds  
Carolyn Strong, resident of the city of Edmonds  
Anita Azariah, resident of the city of Lynnwood  
Chris Mullen, Snohomish County resident  
Billye Brooks Sebastiani, resident of the city of Arlington  
Russ Armstrong, resident of the city of Mukilteo  
Sue Stevenson, resident of the city of Lynnwood  
Rod Scruggs, resident of the city of Snohomish  
Rick Becker, resident of District 1  
Susan Hughes, Snohomish County resident  
Mr. Mohy, resident of the city of Mountlake Terrace  
Petra Bigea, resident of the city of Lynnwood  
Maureen Mallonee, resident of the city of Marysville  
Cynthia Graham, resident of the city of Arlington  
Arlene Noise, resident of the city of Everett  
Hal, resident of the city of Everett

There being no further persons wishing to provide public comment, Chair Wright closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

There being no further business, Chair Wright adjourned the Council at 6:51 p.m.