



# **Snohomish County Council**

## **General Legislative Session**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Council Chair Jared Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nate Nehring  
Councilmembers: Sam Low, Megan Dunn, Strom Peterson

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<b>Wednesday, November 13, 2024</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor</b>
		<b>Robert J. Drewel Building</b>
		<b>&amp; Remote Meeting</b>

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#### **PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Annika Vaughn, Executive Office  
Josh Weiss, Gordon Thomas Honeywell  
Erin Dziedzic, Dziedzic Public Affairs  
Carrie Glover, Dziedzic Public Affairs  
Lance Meinhold, Facilities and Fleet Management  
George Skiles, Sjoberg-Evanshenk  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

*\*See name listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

#### **A. Call to Order**

Chair Mead called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **B. Roll Call**

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

#### **C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice-Chair Nehring led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Tribal Land Acknowledgement**

1. Tribal Land Acknowledgement [2022-0129](#)

Councilmember Dunn read the Tribal Land Acknowledgement into the record.

**E. Public Comment**

Steve Ahmann, resident of Snohomish County and business owner, provided comments relating to the proposed increase in property taxes.

**F. Committee of the Whole****G. Resolutions****H. Consent Agenda****I. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 24-473, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on November 13, 2024 [2024-2904](#)
  - a. Receiving and referring the following Open Space applications to Planning and Development Services for recommendation:
    - 1) Open Space General Agricultural Conservation Application #3306 - Stillaguamish Tribe [2024-2837](#)
    - 2) Open Space General Agricultural Conservation Application #3307 - Brett Bond [2024-2845](#)
  - b. Approving the following Award Recommendations:
    - 1) Bid Award Recommendation PW-24-0314SB for the remodel and improvement AV Courtrooms for Superior Court to Hi Mark Construction in the amount of \$1,761,598.00 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax [2024-2896](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-473. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**J. Action on Items from Committee**

- 1. Community Safety and Justice**
- 2. Finance, Budget and Administration**
- 3. Health and Community Services**
- 4. Planning and Community Development**
- 5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation**
- 6. Committee of the Whole**

- a.** Motion 24-477, approving Amendment No. 1 to Machinists Institute Child Care Facility Renovations and Outdoor Child Care Space CLFR Child Care Facility Agreement [2024-2863](#)

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-477. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report for items b. and c.

Discussion followed and Lance Meinhold, Architectural & Construction Project Manager, Facilities and Fleet Management, responded to questions.

- b.** Bid Award Recommendation PW-24-027SB for Construction of the New Start Center of Everett to Marpac Construction in the amount of \$4,040,000.00, plus applicable Washington State sales tax [2024-2893](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Bid Award Recommendation PW-24-027SB. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- c.** Bid Award Recommendation PW-24-28SB for Construction of the New Start Center of Edmonds in the amount of \$2,474,000.00, plus applicable Washington State sales tax [2024-2895](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Bid Award Recommendation PW-24-28SB. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**K. Other Business**

1. Draft 2025 Legislative Policy Discussion [2024-2794](#)

Annika Vaughn, Governmental Affairs Senior Analyst, Executive's Office, provided information on the draft 2025 legislative agenda and policy document for Council's consideration. Josh Weiss, from Gordon Thomas Honeywell, and Erin Dziedzic and Carrie Glover, from Dziedzic Public Affairs, were also available to address questions.

Discussion followed and the Council provided consensus in support of the policy documents for the upcoming State legislative session.

2. 2024 Performance Audit - George Skiles, Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc. [2024-2844](#)

George Skiles, Snohomish County Performance Auditor, from Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc., provided a presentation on the Performance Audit of the Structure and Staffing of the Executive Office and Council Office.

Extensive discussion followed as Mr. Skiles responded to questions on the findings of the audit.

Chair Mead announced a walk-on oral motion for Council consideration.

**Walk-On Oral Motion**

ORAL MOTION [2024-3066](#)

Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to hereby authorize and approve the Mutual Settlement Agreement and Release in the amount of \$ 1,275,000.00 relating to the matter of Snohomish County, v. Dowl LLC, Road Products, Inc. and Asphalt Systems Inc., Snohomish County Superior Court Cause 20-2-03480-31, as negotiated by Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, and to authorize the County Executive to execute the documents necessary to memorialize the agreements, in consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**L. Public Meetings/Hearings****M. Executive Session****N. Adjourn**

At 10:10 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council until the 10:30 a.m. Budget Public Hearings.