



Snohomish County Council
Planning and Community Development Committee
Meeting Minutes

Nate Nehring, Committee Chair
Megan Dunn, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Stephanie Wright, Sam Low, Jared Mead

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst
Russell Wiita, Legislative Aide
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

10:30 AM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT:

Committee Chair Nehring
Committee Vice-Chair Dunn
Committee Member Wright
Committee Member Low
Committee Member Mead
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
David Killingstad, Planning & Development Services
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Nehring called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment remotely via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

Committee Chair Nehring noted that the Missing Middle ordinance will be brought back to the Planning Committee in two weeks.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion 22-091, appointing a Hearing Examiner Pro Tem and approving related professional services contract [2022-0125](#)

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. He explained this motion appoints Phil Olbrechts as Hearing Examiner Pro Tem and directs the County Executive to sign a professional services agreement. He said the appointment would take effect upon execution and would run through February 29, 2024, with possible extensions. The annual cost is not to exceed \$19,874.00. There were no questions from committee members.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 16th for consideration.

2. Motion 22-107, concerning the County Council's position on a proposed petition method annexation to the city of Stanwood; BRB File No. 02-2022 Stanwood Kottsick Annexation [2022-0212](#)

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and stated that the motion states that Council will not invoke the jurisdiction of the Boundary Review Board. He said that the Planning & Development Services Department does not oppose the annexation.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 16th for consideration.

3. Seven (7) motions directing Planning & Development Services (PDS) to include Council-Initiated Future Land Use, Zoning Map and Policy changes in the Alternatives for the 2024 Update [2022-0213](#)

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a brief update on the following seven motions related to the Comprehensive Plan update alternatives.

Committee members clarified there was no need for a full staff report today on the UGA related items, but to provide direction for each one. Mr. Countryman clarified that written staff reports for each are linked to the agenda.

- A. Motion 22-090, referring consideration of expansion of the Southwest County UGA, including Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map changes, to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0200](#)

Motion 22-090 - Sponsored by Councilmember Low

Mr. Countryman provided a brief report for Motion 22-090.

Committee Member Low noted that there was a lot of discussion on this motion and he wanted to clarify that the action today is for Planning & Development Services (PDS) to review and Council can make changes in a year or two. Mr. Countryman concurred and confirmed that these motions do not make any UGA changes, he explained this is simply direction for the department to do further study.

Committee Vice-Chair Dunn asked about how to prepare a substitute motion for a smaller component related to 43rd. Mr. Countryman responded and explained procedure related to 43rd. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of processing two separate motions and the analysis. David Killingstad, PDS, provided input and spoke to the process.

Responding to Committee Vice-Chair Dunn, Mr. Killingstad provided clarification and explained that, typically, a substitute motion replaces a motion and a separate motion may be the best way to proceed. Committee Member Wright agreed. Discussion ensued. Committee Vice-Chair Dunn said she could draft a separate motion for next Wednesday.

Committee Member Low expressed his thoughts regarding moving Motion 22-090 with the entire area. Committee Members Nehring and Mead explained that they agreed with Committee Member Low to move Motion 22-090, that includes the larger area to be studied, forward with the understanding that the larger area is to be studied now and that it doesn't bind the Council later to shrink it down to a smaller area.

Committee Member Wright explained she thought it would be better to do both motions to be able to call out the 43rd area separately for an easier analysis for the community and easier to see the numbers two years from now. Discussion ensued related to analysis. Committee Vice-Chair Dunn will prepare a separate motion by this Friday.

ACTION: Move to Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session March 23rd for consideration.

- B.** Motion 22-092, referring Future Land Use Map, Zoning Map, and policy changes related to the Darrington Urban Growth Area to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0198](#)

Motion 22-092 - Sponsored by Councilmember Nehring

Mr. Countryman explained that this motion made changes to the Darrington Urban Growth Area and based on the passage of the docket request from the town of Darrington, this motion is now likely mute.

Responding to Committee Vice-Chair Dunn, the clerk explained that Council can take no action on this motion. The motion can lapse on February 1, 2023.

ACTION: No action, let lapse

- C.** Motion 22-095, referring a proposed expansion of the Lake Stevens Urban Growth Area, including Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map changes, to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0206](#)

Motion 22-095 - Sponsored by Councilmember Low

Mr. Countryman provided a brief staff report and Committee Member Low explained he put this forward to allow PDS to study and give Council options.

ACTION: Move to Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session March 23rd for consideration.

- D.** Motion 22-098, referring a proposed expansion of the Maltby Urban Growth Area, including Future Land Use Map, Zoning Map, and policy changes to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0208](#)

Motion 22-098 - Sponsored by Councilmember Low

Mr. Countryman provided a brief staff report and explained that this application overlaps slightly with the Vangemert application. He responded to questions from Committee Member Low.

ACTION: Move to Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session March 23rd for consideration.

- E. Motion 22-099, referring a proposed expansion of the Monroe Urban Growth Area, including Future Land Use Map and Zoning Map changes, to the Snohomish County Planning Commission and the Department of Planning and Development Services for consideration during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0209](#)

Motion 22-099 - Sponsored by Councilmember Low

Mr. Countryman provided a brief staff report and stated there are no overlaps with any other docket applications.

Committee Member Low provided comments.

ACTION: Move to Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session March 23rd for consideration.

Committee Chair Nehring took the next two agenda items out of order, first hearing Motion 22-096, then Motion 22-097. There was no objection from committee members.

- F. Motion 22-096, referring proposed new policies related to urban tree canopy to the Department of Planning and Development Services and Snohomish County Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0207](#)

Motion 22-096 - Sponsored by Council Chair Dunn

Mr. Countryman provided a brief staff report.

Committee Vice-Chair Dunn asked Mr. Countryman to speak to section one in the enacting clause and why it is referred to PDS and other departments. Mr. Countryman responded and Mr. Killingstad provided an additional explanation. Mr. Countryman and Mr. Killingstad responded to further questions from Committee Vice-Chair Dunn and lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Countryman said he would prepare a substitute motion to address the issues in the enacting clause.

ACTION: Move Substitute Motion to Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session March 23rd for consideration.

Clerk Note: An Amendment Sheet was prepared in lieu of a substitute motion and moved forward to General Legislative Session March 23rd to address the issues discussed related in the enacting clause.

- G.** Motion 22-097, referring proposed new policies related to broadband to the Department of Planning and Development Services and Snohomish County Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation during the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update [2022-0205](#)

Motion 22-097 - Co-Sponsored by Councilmember Low and Councilmember Nehring

Mr. Countryman provided a brief overview and Mr. Killingstad also commented briefly regarding the public outreach and legal review process.

ACTION: Move to Regular Agenda, General Legislative Session March 23rd for consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.