



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2024	9:00 AM	Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor
		Robert J. Drewel Building
		& Remote Meeting

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Jason Schwarz, Office of Public Defense
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

**See names 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

Chair Mead led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comment

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Clay White, resident of Mill Creek, spoke in support of Ordinance 24-101.
- Pattie Karthas, resident of unincorporated Snohomish County, provided comments on the Comprehensive Plan update.
- William Lider, resident of Lynnwood, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 24-097.
- Joan Thomas, resident of Bothell, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 24-097.

E. Committee of the Whole**F. Resolutions**

1. Resolution 24-053, recognizing December 21, 2024, as National [2024-3213](#)
Homeless Persons' Memorial Day in Snohomish County

Councilmember Dunn announced an event on Friday, December 20, 2024.

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 24-053. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Per Vice-Chair Nehring's request, and without objections from Council, Chair Mead took the agenda out of order and deferred the Consent Agenda until after actions items under Committee of the Whole.

H. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 24-528, approving Administrative Matters presented at [2024-3197](#)
General Legislative Session on December 18, 2024
 - a. Receiving the following Report:
 - 1) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Action - [2024-3195](#)
Amendments to the Snohomish County Airport
Department, Minimum Standards, Chapter 15.08
 - b. Setting a public hearing date on January 8, 2025, at the hour of
10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
 - 1) Ordinance 24-110, approving Data Sharing [2024-3018](#)
Agreement with Washington State Department of
Health for confidential information or datasets

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-528. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

I. Action on Items from Committee**1. Community Safety and Justice****2. Finance, Budget and Administration**

- a. Motion 24-494, approving a 2024 Budget transfer within [2024-3014](#)
General Fund 002 from Non-Departmental to the Office of
Public Defense

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Discussion followed as Mr. Martin and Jason Schwarz, Office of Public Defense Director, responded to questions.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-494. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Health and Community Services

- a. Motion 24-487, authorizing the Executive to sign the [2024-2971](#)
Agreement for Workforce Development for Racial Equity and
Social Justice with Racing to Excellence & Social Justice,
LLC

Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Vice-Chair Nehring spoke to the motion.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-487. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Planning and Community Development

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided brief staff reports and explained the proposed amendments for the following:

- a. Ordinance 24-044, relating to Growth Management and [2024-0942](#)
Updates to Development Regulations Pursuant to RCW
36.70A.130; Supporting the Development of Permanent
Supportive, Emergency Housing, Emergency Shelters, and
Affordable Housing; Amending Chapters 30.22, 30.28, and
30.91 of the Snohomish County Code

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 24-044 on Wednesday, January 15, 2024, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance 24-097, relating to the Critical Area Regulations Update pursuant to the Growth Management Act, amending Snohomish County Code Chapters 30.62A Wetlands and Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas, 30.62B Geologically Hazard Areas, 30.62C Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, 30.43C Flood Hazard Permits, 30.86 Fees, and 30.91 Definitions [2024-2646](#)

Discussion ensued as Mr. Countryman responded to questions.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 24-097 on Wednesday, January 15, 2024, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation

6. Committee of the Whole

- a. Ordinance 24-116, approving and authorizing the County Executive to sign a Grant Award with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance [2024-3160](#)

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

Councilmember Peterson requested additional information.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 24-116 on Wednesday, January 8, 2024, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided staff reports for the following:

- b. Motion 24-516, approving and implementing compensation increases for non-represented county employees as authorized in the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget [2024-3112](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-516. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- c. Motion 24-524, approving Amendment No. 3 to Broadband Enhancement Study, CLFR-019a [2024-3162](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-524. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- d. Motion 24-525, approving a budget transfer between programs in Department 16 Nondepartmental Grant Fund 130 for ARPA Coronavirus Fiscal Relief Fund [2024-3170](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-525. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- e. Motion 24-526, approving a change in the Management Exempt Employee Compensation Plan and Salary Range Tables within the Superior Court [2024-3175](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-526. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- f. Motion 24-530, authorizing the County Executive to sign the 2024-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Snohomish County and the Washington State Council of County and City Employees, AFSCME, AFL-CIO representing Local 1811-ES Superior Court Supervisors [2024-3200](#)

Mr. Martin responded to questions regarding funding.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-530. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At this juncture, Chair Mead resumed the order of the agenda and called for a motion for the Consent Agenda.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 24-490, approving a contract between Alderwood Counseling Associates and Snohomish County for the provision of secondary trauma training and counseling [2024-2676](#)
2. Motion 24-427, approving and authorizing the execution of contract with TDF Investments, LLC, dba American Cremation and Casket Alliance [2024-1962](#)
3. Motion 24-499, approving contract with ABC Law Group to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2024-2923](#)
4. Motion 24-500, approving contract with Alford and Associates to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2024-3060](#)
5. Motion 24-501, approving contract with Brice and Timm to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 [2024-3067](#)

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| 6. | Motion 24-502, approving contract with Jay Carey Law Firm to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 | <u>2024-3068</u> |
| 7. | Motion 24-503, approving contract with Tamara Davidov to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 | <u>2024-3069</u> |
| 8. | Motion 24-504, approving contract with Nunn Vhan Lang to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 | <u>2024-3070</u> |
| 9. | Motion 24-505, approving contract with Solutions Legal Group to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025 | <u>2024-3071</u> |
| 10. | Motion 24-506, approving contract with Jayson Thibodaux to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 | <u>2024-3072</u> |
| 11. | Motion 24-508, approving contract with Atreya Law Office to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 | <u>2024-3103</u> |
| 12. | Motion 24-513, approving contract with Nancy Beckford to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 | <u>2024-3114</u> |
| 13. | Motion 24-514, approving contract with Kari Petrsek to provide legal services for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2026 | <u>2024-3121</u> |
| 14. | Motion 24-399, authorizing the Executive to sign Amendment No. 2 with Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories, Inc. to provide laboratory services | <u>2024-2325</u> |
| 15. | Motion 24-435, authorizing the Executive to sign the Emergency Use License Agreement between Snohomish County and Granite Falls School District #332 | <u>2024-2673</u> |
| 16. | Motion 24-486, authorizing the Executive to sign Amendment No. 1 for a communications campaign with Quinn Thomas, LLC | <u>2024-2948</u> |
| 17. | Motion 24-412, approving the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between Snohomish County and the City of Lake Stevens, WA | <u>2024-2471</u> |
| 18. | Motion 24-418, approving the interlocal agreement for emergency management services between Snohomish County and the City of Granite Falls, WA | <u>2024-2503</u> |
| 19. | Motion 24-431, approving the interlocal agreement for Emergency Management Services between Snohomish County and the City of Lynnwood, WA | <u>2024-2664</u> |
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| 20. | Motion 24-462, approving the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between Snohomish County and the City of Monroe, WA | <u>2024-2756</u> |
| 21. | Motion 24-467, approving the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between Snohomish County and the City of Sultan, WA | <u>2024-2820</u> |
| 22. | Motion 24-492, approving the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between Snohomish County and the City of Snohomish, WA | <u>2024-3017</u> |
| 23. | Motion 24-495, approving the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between Snohomish County and the City of Gold Bar, WA | <u>2024-3035</u> |
| 24. | Motion 24-498, approving the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services between Snohomish County and the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians | <u>2024-3061</u> |
| 25. | Motion 24-410, amending the 2019 Annual Action Plan to allocate additional supplemental Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Funding | <u>2024-2467</u> |
| 26. | Motion 24-426, approving a budget transfer or reallocation within the Department of Human Services | <u>2024-2580</u> |
| 27. | Motion 24-413, approving a budget transfer or reallocation within the Department of Human Services | <u>2024-2482</u> |
| 28. | Motion 24-441, approving a reclassification within the Human Services Department | <u>2024-2651</u> |
| 29. | Motion 24-464, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to execute the WA Cares Outreach Agreement #2469-56352 with the state of Washington, Department of Social and Health Services | <u>2024-2804</u> |
| 30. | Motion 24-518, approving Amendment No. 4 to the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the Alderwood Water & Wastewater District concerning utility construction associated with the 36th/35th Ave West: 164th Street SW - SR 99 Road Project | <u>2024-3138</u> |
| 31. | Motion 24-520, authorizing the County Executive to sign Supplement No. 6 to Professional Services Agreement CCF01-22 with Confluence Environmental Company to extend the contract completion date and provide additional permitting services for the Goodman Creek Culvert Replacement Project | <u>2024-3031</u> |
| 32. | Motion 24-507, allocation of Conservation Futures Property Tax Funds and Conservation Futures Tax Funds return to Fund Balance | <u>2024-1521</u> |

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Other Business

Council reconsiders Amended Ordinance 24-100 and Amended Ordinance 24-101 vetoed by the County Executive on December 13, 2024.

Executive Sessions

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into two Executive Sessions pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss a matter relating to potential litigation and RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss personnel matters for an initial ten minutes. She indicated that any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:45 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council into Executive Session.

1. Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Alethea Hart, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Rebecca Guadamud, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Laura Kisielius, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Executive Session #1 started at 9:45 a.m. with an initial ten minutes to 9:55 a.m.
At 9:55 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:00 a.m.
At 10:00 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:05 a.m.
At 10:05 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:10 a.m.
At 10:10 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:15 a.m.
At 10:15 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:20 a.m.
At 10:20 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:25 a.m.
At 10:25 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:30 a.m.
At 10:30 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:35 a.m.
At 10:35 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:40 a.m.
At 10:40 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:45 a.m.
Executive Session #1 ended at 10:43 a.m.

2. Personnel Matters
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff

Executive Session #2 started at 10:43 a.m.

Executive Session ended at 10:46 a.m.

At 10:48 a.m., Chair Mead reconvened the Council.

Executive Memo - Veto of Amended Ordinance 24-100 and
Amended Ordinance 24-101

[2024-3212](#)

1. Amended Ordinance 24-100, relating to the Growth Management Act, adopting map amendments to the Snohomish County Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan, revising the Southwest County Urban Growth Area and amending the Future Land Use and Official Zoning Maps

[2024-2833](#)

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a brief staff report.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to override the Executive's veto of Amended Ordinance 24-100. Councilmember Low seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to override the Executive's veto failed by a vote of three to two, with Councilmembers Dunn and Peterson opposing.

Chair Mead explained that a vote to override the veto required four or five votes. He subsequently called for a motion to reconsider Amended Ordinance 24-100.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to reconsider Amended Ordinance 24-100. Councilmember Low seconded the motion.

Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to reconsider Amendment 2. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion followed and Chair Mead explained voting down Amendment 2.

Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Amendment 2. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it failed, with all five Councilmembers opposing.

Additional discussion ensued.

The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Amended Ordinance 24-100, as further amended, carried by a vote of three to two, with Councilmembers Dunn and Peterson opposing.

2. Amended Ordinance 24-101, relating to the Growth Management Act, adopting map amendments to the Snohomish County Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan, revising the Maltby Urban Growth Area and amending the Future Land Use and Official Zoning Maps and the Transportation Element [2024-2834](#)

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a brief staff report.

Discussion followed.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to override the Executive's veto of Amended Ordinance 24-101. Councilmember Low seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to override the Executive's veto failed by a vote of three to two, with Councilmembers Dunn and Peterson opposing.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

M. Adjourn

At 10:58 a.m., Chair Mead called for a short recess before reconvening the Council for the Public Hearings.