



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Wright, Council Chair
Megan Dunn, Council Vice-Chair
Councilmembers: Sam Low, Nate Nehring, Jared Mead

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

9:00 AM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

**See names listed below of people provided public comment*

A. Call to Order

Council Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment remotely via Zoom.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Low led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

The following people provided public comment related to the Buildable Lands Report:

Peter Condyles, resident of the city of Marysville

Anne Anderson, resident of the city of Lake Stevens

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

Resolution 21-030, recognizing UTSAV USA for their cultural contributions to Snohomish County and declaring August 15, 2021, India Mela Day in Snohomish County [2021-0613](#)

Councilmember Mead spoke to the resolution and provided supportive comments. Councilmember Low also provided supportive comments and stated he appreciates the work that UTSAV does.

ACTION: Councilmember Mead made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-030. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda**H. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 21-274, approving Administrative Matters presented at Council General Legislative Session on August 18, 2021 [2021-0603](#)
- a. Receiving the 2021 First Quarter Contract Report from the Executive Office [2021-0557](#)
- b. Approving Bid Award Recommendation PW-009-21SB to Award Construction for Compactor Removal and Installation at Solid Waste North County Recycling and Transfer Station in the amount of \$382,500.00 plus WA State Sales Tax [2021-0567](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve the Administrative Matters Motion 21-274. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

I. Action on Items from Committee

1. **Finance and Economic Development**
2. **Law and Justice/Human Services**
3. **Operations**

Items 4.a. and 4.b. were discussed together.

4. Planning and Community Development

- a.** Motion 21-273, adopting the Buildable Lands Procedures Report that has been accepted and recommended by the Snohomish County Tomorrow Steering Committee for use in the development of the Buildable Lands Report for Snohomish County [2021-0585](#)
- b.** Motion 21-272, adopting the 2021 Buildable Lands Report for Snohomish County and authorizing the County Council Chair and Vice-Chair to sign transmittal letter to the Washington State Department of Commerce [2021-0584](#)

The clerk read the titles for Motion No. 21-273 and 21-272 into the record.

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a brief staff report for both motions. He responded to questions from Councilmember Mead.

Councilmember Low commented about the supply and demand and single-family housing and asked if single-family housing could be addressed in the next couple of weeks before Council votes on the motions. Mr. Countryman responded. Councilmember Low suggested including language related to housing affordability.

Mr. Countryman responded to Councilmember Mead's remarks related to growth.

Council Vice-Chair Dunn provided additional comment.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to set time and date for a public hearing for Motion No. 21-273 for Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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5. Public Works

6. Committee of the Whole

J. Other Business**WALK ON Oral Motion:**

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn moved that the County Council authorize the initiation of litigation against the State of Washington seeking declaratory relief, and other relief as may be deemed appropriate, with regard to responsibility for the financial ramifications arising from the State Supreme Court's decision in Blake v. State of Washington. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

WALK ON Oral Motion:

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn moved that the County Council reject the proposed Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Mallinckrodt PLC as set forth by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in Case No. 20-12522, and direct our attorneys to file the necessary ballot on behalf of Snohomish County. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

At 9:31 a.m., Council Chair Wright recessed the meeting until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearings.