



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

10:30 AM

**Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor
Robert J. Drewel Building
& Remote Meeting**

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

PRESENT:

Council Chair Nehring
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Mead
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Hembree, Council Staff
Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director
Cheri Danner, Asst. Clerk of the Council
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nehring called the Council to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ACTION ITEMS

2025-2026 Mid-Biennial Modifications to the Budget consisting of the following actions:

(continued from public hearing October 22, 2025)

The clerk read the titles of each budget ordinance and motion into the record. Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided introductory remarks.

Chair Nehring opened the public testimony portion of the hearing. There being no persons present wishing to provide testimony, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing and turned to staff for reports on each item on the agenda.

Prior to Council action, Council Legislative Analysts Jim Martin, Deb Bell, Nicole Gorle, Ryan Hembree, and Chief of Staff Heidi Beazizo, provided staff reports for the budget ordinances, motions, and amendments.

Lengthy discussion ensued related to Motion 25-461 relating to the Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund Investment Plan. Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director, responded to various questions from councilmembers.

Vice-Chair Dunn commented on the difficulty in forecasting budgets related to separation payouts and collective bargaining agreements. She said she has asked staff to reach out to impacted departments to develop a strategy for the 2027-2028 budget with recommendations.

Chair Nehring explained that he will be opposing the levy increase ordinances.

1. Budget Ordinance 25-058, relating to Property Taxes, Fixing the 2026 General Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and Preserving Future Levy Capacity [2025-3045](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-058. Councilmember Low seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

2. Budget Ordinance 25-059, authorizing an increase in general tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2026 [2025-3046](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-059. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried three to two, with Councilmembers Nehring and Low voting against.

APPROVED 3-2

3. Budget Ordinance 25-060, relating to Property Taxes, Fixing the 2026 Road Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County [2025-3047](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-060. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

4. Budget Ordinance 25-061, authorizing an increase in road tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2026 [2025-3048](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-061. Councilmember Low seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried four to one, with Chair Nehring voting against.

APPROVED 4-1

5. Budget Ordinance 25-062, relating to Property Taxes, Fixing the 2026 Conservation Futures Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and Preserving Future Levy Capacity [2025-3049](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-062. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

6. Budget Ordinance 25-063, authorizing an increase in conservation futures tax revenues for property taxed collected in 2026 [2025-3050](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-063. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried three to two, with Councilmembers Nehring and Low voting against.

APPROVED 3-2

7. Budget Ordinance 25-064, approving the 2026 Annual Road Program for County Transportation Improvements [2025-2933](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-064. Councilmember Low seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

8. Budget Motion 25-451, adopting the 2026-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program [2025-2934](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-451. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

9. Budget Motion 25-452, approving the 2026 Snohomish County Health Department Grant Work Plan [2025-3128](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-452. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

10. Budget Motion 25-453, approving the 2026 Department of Human Services Grant Work Plan [2025-3129](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-453. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

11. Budget Motion 25-454, approving the 2026 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Office of Energy and Sustainability Grant Work Plan [2025-3132](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-454. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

12. Budget Motion 25-455, approving the 2026 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Surface Water Management Grant Work Plan [2025-3133](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-455. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

13. Budget Motion 25-456, approving the 2026 Prosecuting Attorney's Office Grant Work Plan [2025-3130](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-456. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

14. Budget Motion 25-457, approving the 2026 Sheriff's Office Grant Work Plan [2025-3131](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-457. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

15. Budget Motion 25-458, approving the 2026 Department of Emergency Management Grant Work Plan [2025-3134](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-458. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

16. Budget Motion 25-459, approving the 2026 Superior Court Grant Work Plan [2025-3135](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-459. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

17. Budget Motion 25-460, approving the Schedule of Rental Rates to be charged by Fleet Services Division in 2026 [2025-2864](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 25-460. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

18. Budget Motion 25-461, approving the update to the Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund Investment Plan and authorizing the execution of necessary documents [2025-3168](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Substitute Motion 25-461. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Dunn and Councilmember Peterson explained why they are not supporting this motion. The question was called for and Motion 25-461 carried three to two, with Councilmembers Dunn and Peterson voting against.

APPROVED 3-2

19. Ordinance 25-071, relating to terms of employment for employees excluded from the County Personnel System; amending Chapters 2.02, 2.09, 2.11, 2.17, 2.18, 2.32, 2.36, 2.74, 2.100, 2.300, 2.350, 2.400, 2.600, 2.700, 2.750, 3a.01, 3a.02, 3a.06, 3a.08, 3a.13, and 3.68 SCC, and repealing Chapter 3.69 SCC [2025-3367](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-071. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

20. Ordinance 25-072, establishing the 2026 pay plan [2025-3350](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-072. Councilmember Low seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

21. Budget Ordinance 25-065, related to the 2025-26 Biennial Budget; [2025-3056](#)
making mid-biennial modifications to the Biennial Budget

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-065. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion.

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Amendment 1. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Amendment 2. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Amendment 3. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Amendment 4A. Vice-Chair Dunn seconded the motion. Vice-Chair Dunn commented briefly. The question was called for and Amendment 4A carried unanimously.

The question was called for and the clerk called the roll. The motion to approve Ordinance 25-065, as amended, carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

22. Budget Motion 25-462, related to the 2025-2026 Mid-Biennial Review; approving an increase in the number of employees [2025-2990](#)
authorized in the 2025-2026 Biennial Budget

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Substitute Motion 25-462. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

ORAL MOTION

Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to instruct staff to enter all amendments and to produce final documents and tables, adjusting as necessary for DACs and nominal changes in amounts, due to system calculations. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

APPROVED 5-0

ADJOURN

Chair Nehring and Councilmember Low provided closing remarks.

There being no further business, Chair Nehring adjourned the Council for the day at 11:22 a.m.