



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

10:30 AM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Dunn 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

PRESENT:

Council Vice-Chair Dunn (*presiding*)
Council Chair Nehring (*remote*)
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Mead
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
Lisa Hickey, Asst. Clerk of the Council

1. Ordinance 24-044, relating to Growth Management and 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

[2024-0942](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn opened the public hearing.

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

David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services, responded to Vice-Chair Dunn's question, confirming the Executive had no objections to Amendment 2.

Vice-Chair Dunn opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, she closed the testimony portion of the hearing.

ACTION: Councilmember Mead made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-044. Councilmember Low seconded the motion.

Councilmember Mead made a motion to approve Amendment Sheet 1. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Amendment Sheet 2. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The question was called for and the clerk called the roll. The motion to approve Ordinance 24-044, as amended, carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

Council Vice-Chair Dunn (*presiding*)

Council Chair Nehring (*remote*)

Councilmember Low (*remote*)

Councilmember Mead

Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)

Ryan Countryman, Council Staff

David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services

Sarah Titcomb, Planning and Development Services

Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

Lisa Hickey, Asst. Clerk of the Council

**See names listed below for persons who provided public testimony*

2. 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](#)

Vice-Chair Dunn opened the public hearing.

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a PowerPoint staff report presentation and responded to questions throughout.

Discussion ensued. Each councilmember expressed their support to continue the public hearing. Mr. Countryman said he will follow-up on councilmembers' various questions and concerns prior to the next meeting.

The following persons provided public testimony:

- Pam Kepford, resident of Everett
- Time Stapleton, Department of Natural Resources
- Gary Brandstetter, Marshland Flood Control
- Loretta Garduno, resident of Marysville
- Doug Turner, resident of Lake Stevens
- Chris Singleterry, resident of Lynnwood
- Tom Murdoch, resident of Seattle

[Councilmember Peterson left the meeting at approximately 11:35 a.m.]

- Natalie Reber, Master Builders Association
- Lori McConnell, resident of Unincorporated Snohomish County
- Patti Olsen, resident of Maltby
- Dennis James Archamball, resident of Lynnwood
- Bill Derry, resident of Edmonds
- Todd Gray, Tulalip Tribes
- Terry Thomas, resident of Edmonds
- Ben Forrest, resident of Edmonds

[Chair Nehring left the meeting at 12:00 p.m.]

- John Mirante, Pacific Ridge Homes
- Don Bailey, Marshland Flood Control
- Joan Smith, resident of Edmonds
- Alicia Harvey, resident of Unincorporated Snohomish County
- Craig Schroeder, resident of Lake Stevens
- Debbie Wetzel, resident of Clearview
- Mike Pattison, Master Builders Association
- Michelle Bahnick, Tulalip Tribe
- Vance Rickswinkle, resident of Mill Creek
- William Lider, resident of Unincorporated Snohomish County
- Kristin Kelly, Futurewise
- Bob Danson, Olympic View Water and Sewer
- Wendy Westlake, resident of Bothell
- Emily Atkins, Department of Ecology
- Anna Gilmore, resident of Lynnwood
- Jasmine (Shadow Wolf), resident of Snohomish County
- Joan Thomas, resident of Bothell

- K. Skinner, resident of Snohomish County
- Julie Martinson, resident of Everett
- Hali McGrath, resident of Snohomish County

There being no further persons present wishing to testify, Vice-Chair Dunn closed the testimony portion of the hearing noting that the record will remain open.

Council discussion ensued. David Killingstad and Sarah Titcomb, Planning and Development Services, and Mr. Countryman responded to councilmembers' questions.

[Chair Nehring returned to the meeting at 1:14 p.m.]

ACTION: Councilmember Mead made a motion to refer Ordinance 24-097 back to Committee of the Whole. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the members present.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.