



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, October 30, 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 (*remote*)
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Annika Vaughn, Executive's Office
Jason Schwarz, Office of Public Defense
Josh Weiss, Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Erin Dziedzic, Dziedzic Public Affairs
Carrie Glover, Dziedzic Public Affairs
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

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

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

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

1. Resolution 24-048, recognizing November 2024 as Native American Heritage Month in Snohomish County [2024-2781](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 24-048. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

1. Motion 24-461, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on October 30, 2024 [2024-2780](#)
 - a. Receiving the following Report:
 - 1) Unexpected Fatality Review Committee Report [2024-2736](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-461. 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**
3. **Health and Community Services**
4. **Planning and Community Development**
5. **Public Infrastructure and Conservation**

6. Committee of the Whole

- a. Amended Motion 24-424, allocating Affordable Housing Behavioral Health-Behavioral Health Facilities Funding for two Behavioral Health Projects [2024-2562](#)

Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the proposed Substitute Motion. Discussion ensued and Ms. Foley responded to questions.

Ken Klein, Executive Director, noted that the Executive's Office is supportive of the proposed changes.

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Substitute Motion 24-424. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion. The motion was approved, as amended, by a vote of three to two, with Councilmembers Dunn and Peterson opposing.

- b. Amended Motion 24-425, allocating Affordable Housing Behavioral Health-Capital Funding for four Affordable Housing Projects [2024-2563](#)

Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the proposed Substitute Motion. Discussion ensued and Ms. Foley responded to questions.

Ken Klein, Executive Director, noted that the Executive's Office is supportive of the proposed changes.

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Substitute Motion 24-425. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion. The motion was approved, as amended, by a vote of three to two, with Councilmembers Dunn and Peterson opposing.

- c. Motion 24-446, authorizing the release of funds of the Snohomish County Office of Public Defense conditioned in Amended Ordinance 23-121 [2024-2692](#)

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

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-446. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided staff reports for the following:

(Note: Agenda items d. and e. were considered together.)

- d. Motion 24-454, authorizing the County Executive to sign [2024-2329](#)
Amendment 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with
McKinstry Company for the Cathcart Gun Range HVAC
Maintenance Services

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-454.
Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- e. Motion 24-455, authorizing the County Executive to sign [2024-2579](#)
Amendment 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with
McKinstry Company for the Cathcart Gun Range HVAC
Maintenance Services

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-455.
Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- f. Motion 24-458, authorizing the County Executive to sign [2024-2501](#)
Amendment 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with
Hermanson Company, LLP for air conditioning, chiller
maintenance and repair

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-458.
Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- g. Motion 24-460, authorizing the County Executive to sign a [2024-2767](#)
Declaration of Covenant - Private Stormwater BMP for the
property at 22721 Highway 99 in agreement with the City of
Edmonds

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-460.
Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Other Business

1. Draft 2025 Legislative Policy Discussion [2024-2794](#)

Annika Vaughn, Governmental Affairs Senior Analyst, Executive's Office, along with Josh Weiss, from Gordon Thomas Honeywell, and Erin Dziedzic and Carrie Glover, from Dziedzic Public Affairs, provided a report to the Council and explained the proposed 2025 Legislative Agenda.

Discussion ensued and the panel responded to question from Councilmembers. Based on the feedback and directions received, an updated Legislative documents will be presented to Council for review and consideration.

2. Council Budget Amendment Discussion - Jim Martin, Council Staff [2024-2737](#)

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a brief update on the Council Consensus Budget Amendment. He spoke to three new proposed amendments, numbers 10-12.

After further discussion, councilmembers concurred to remove the new Proposed Amendments 10 and 12 from the Council Consensus Budget Amendment.

(Refer to link 2024-2737 to view updated chart of proposed amendments and budget notes.)

[This section of the minutes was written by Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council.]

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

Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 9:55 a.m.