



# Snohomish County Council

## General Legislative Session

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Wednesday, August 31, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**Jackson Board Room  
& Remote Meeting**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Council Chair Dunn  
Council Vice-Chair Mead  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Nehring  
District 3 (*vacant*)  
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff  
Jim Martin, Council Staff  
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff  
Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council  
*\*See name listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

#### **A. Call to Order**

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

#### **B. Roll Call**

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

#### **C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Low**

Councilmember Low led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Public Comments**

1. Public Comment Leslie Mutchler [2022-0876](#)  
Leslie Mutchler, resident of Everett, provided comments on health insurance.

**E. Committee of the Whole****F. Special Report**

1. Overdose Awareness Day Joint Statement Presentation [2022-0857](#)

The Joint Statement was read into the record.

Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff, announced that the Vigil and Resource fair will be held this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. on the County Campus.

Council Chair Dunn expressed support of the event and indicated that the Council approved Resolution 22-045 last week.

**G. Resolutions**

1. Resolution 22-047, recognizing September 2022 as Puget Sound Starts Here Month in Snohomish County [2022-0838](#)

**ACTION:** Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Resolution 22-047. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

2. Resolution 22-048, recognizing September 2022 as Disaster Preparedness Month in Snohomish County [2022-0839](#)

**ACTION:** Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Resolution 22-048. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

**H. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion 22-311, establishing lease and rental rates to be charged by Snohomish County Airport at Paine Field [2022-0717](#)
2. Motion 22-341, approving Q2 2022 budget transfer from Nondepartmental to Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau related to achievement of revenue target and satisfaction of criterion to receive contingent authority [2022-0736](#)

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| 3. | Motion 22-345, adopting the Snohomish County Executive Branch Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for 2022-2023      | <a href="#"><u>2022-0793</u></a> |
| 4. | Motion 22-348, amending the 2022 Annual Action Plan to add HOME Program Income and allocate to eligible activities | <a href="#"><u>2022-0805</u></a> |
| 5. | Motion 22-350, request to fund unfunded positions in the Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau - Q2 2022             | <a href="#"><u>2022-0797</u></a> |
| 6. | Motion 22-351, approving the 2022-2023 Washington Auto Theft Prevention Program Supplemental Grant Award           | <a href="#"><u>2022-0801</u></a> |

**ACTION:** Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

#### I. Administrative Matters

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| 1. | Motion 22-356, approving Administrative Matters presented at Council General Legislative Session on August 31, 2022   | <a href="#"><u>2022-0835</u></a> |
| a. | Receiving the 1st Quarter 2022 Contract Report from the Executive Office  | <a href="#"><u>2022-0786</u></a> |
| b. | Setting a public hearing date on September 21, 2022, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider Ordinance 22-031, relating to funding the County Arts Program, setting maximum dollar amount for projects to be subject to 1% contribution to arts fund; amending Chapter 2.95 Snohomish County Code | <a href="#"><u>2022-0772</u></a> |

**Attachments:** [Proposed Substitute Ordinance 22-031](#)

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the proposed substitute ordinance, which eliminates the maximum dollar amount for projects to be subject to the one percent contribution to the Arts Fund.

Councilmember Nehring spoke in support of the substitute ordinance.

In response to questions, Mr. Martin clarified that both the proposed ordinance and proposed substitute ordinance would be moved to the public hearing.

**ACTION:** Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Motion 22-356, which includes moving the proposed substitute ordinance for Ordinance 22-031 to be included in the hearing notice. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

**J. Action on Items from Committee****1. Finance and Economic Development****2. Law and Justice/Human Services**

1. Ordinance 22-033, related to housing at county owned hotels, requiring chemical dependency treatment services, amending SCC 2.400.020 and SCC 2.400.065 of the Snohomish County Code related to approval of contracts, and adding a new section 2.400.066 of the Snohomish County Code [2022-0788](#)

**Attachments:** [Proposed Amendment No 1](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the proposed Amendment No. 1.

Councilmember Nehring provided additional information on the proposed amendment and recommended that the Council defer moving forward until the Council vacancy is filled since one of the proposed hotel projects is located in Council District 3.

In response to questions, Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, further explained the legal scope of the proposed amendment.

Discussion ensued relating to the proposed amendment. Ms. Beazizo also responded to questions and affirmed the legality of the proposed amendment and that the proposed legislation does not delay the hotel purchase projects.

Council Chair Dunn expressed concerns and potential violations of public trust. She indicated that she will be voting no on the proposed ordinance.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Nehring made a motion to reassign Ordinance 22-033 to Committee of the Whole to schedule a public hearing at a later date. Council Vice-Chair Mead seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of three to one, with Council Chair Dunn opposing.

**3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation****4. Planning and Community Development**

**5. Public Works and Infrastructure****6. Committee of the Whole****K. Other Business****L. Public Meetings/Hearings****M. Executive Session**

Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff, stated that pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(2), the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss a quasi-judicial matter for an initial 10 minutes and extensions to be announced, as needed, with no anticipated action to follow.

At 9:26 a.m., Council Chair Dunn recessed the Council into Executive Session.

1. Quasi-Judicial Matter  
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(2)  
DPAs: L. Kisielius and B. Dorsey

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Dunn  
Council Vice-Chair Mead  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Nehring  
District 3 (vacant)  
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff  
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Jill Ford, Council Staff  
Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Brian Dorsey, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
Laura Kisielius, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9:26 a.m. with an initial ten minutes to 9:36 a.m.

At 9:36 a.m., an extension was announced for three minutes to 9:39 a.m.

At 9:39 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 9:44 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:42 a.m.

At 9:44 a.m., Council Chair Dunn reconvened the Council in open meeting and announced a Walk-On Motion for Council consideration.

### Walk-On Motion

1. Motion 22-365, order summarily dismissing in part the Closed Record Appeal of Cathcart Crossing, File No. 21-107654 SPA/BSP

[2022-0870](#)

Council Vice-Chair Mead read Motion 22-365 into the record.

**ACTION:** Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Motion 22-365. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

### M. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day at 9:47 a.m.