



Snohomish County Council

Administrative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead (*remote*)
Councilmember Wright (*remote*)
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring (*not present*)
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Lisa Campfield, Asst. Clerk of the Council
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council
**See names 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 for both in-person and remote via Zoom.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Special Reports

D. Public Comment

The following individuals provided comments relating to staffing shortage at Providence Hospital Everett and the impact on safety and wellness for employees and patients:

- Socorra Morales, resident of Tulalip, ER Nurse
- Dana Robison, resident of Bothell, Labor & Delivery Nurse

- Josie, ER Nurse
- Heidi, ER Nurse
- Kim Jacobson, resident of Mukilteo, ICU Nurse
- Trevor Gjendem, resident of Warm Beach, ER Nurse
- Kelli Johnson, resident of Seattle, ER Nurse
- Sean O'Sullivan, resident of Lake Stevens, recent patient experience
- Ted De Bauge, resident of Lake Stevens, former firefighter
- Emma Lee, resident of Lake Stevens, ER Nurse
- Adriann Barfield, resident of Lake Stevens, recent patient experience

The following also provided public comment:

- Joe Beavers, resident of Gold Bar, expressed support for nurses and provided comments relating septic density and nitrate contamination in aquifers.

E. Introduction and assignment of legislation to committees

All items assigned as listed below:

1. Finance and Economic Development

- a. 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 [2022-0772](#)
- b. Motion 22-335, appointing Ms. Cheri Ryan to the Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission [2022-0766](#)
- c. 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](#)

2. Law and Justice/Human Services

- a. 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](#)

3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation

- a. Motion 22-336, approval of an agreement to allow inundation of county property due to dike removal for Blue Heron Slough restoration project [2022-0757](#)
- b. Motion 22-339, approving 2022 contract S21-92401-422 Amendment B with Washington State Department of Commerce for the Weatherization Program [2022-0778](#)

4. Planning and Community Development

- a. Motion 22-337, referring proposed code revisions relating to marijuana retail to the Department of Planning and Development Services and the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2022-0779](#)

5. Public Works and Infrastructure**6. Committee of the Whole**

- a. Motion 22-338, approval of a purchase and sale agreement for the acquisition of real property in south county for Human Services projects [2022-0764](#)

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, presented a staff report on the proposed substitute motion to approve an agreement to purchase a 54-room hotel located at 22127 Highway 99 in Edmonds for \$9,075,000. She provided an overview of the County's proposal to use the hotel for bridge and permanent supportive housing, including the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the purchase. She further noted that the expected closing date is on or before October 28, 2022.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to move Proposed Substitute Motion 22-338 to General Legislative Session on August 17th for consideration. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

- b. Motion 22-340, approving award of Council project funds (Lake Stevens Food Bank) [2022-0771](#)

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided information on the 2022 budget approved funding for Council-initiated projects. She explained the scope of the reimbursement-based grant agreement for the amount of \$600,000 with the Lake Stevens Food Bank for the construction of a new facility.

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Motion 22-340. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

- c. Motion 22-342, approving award of Council project funds (Volunteers of America Western Washington) [2022-0770](#)

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided information on the 2022 budget approved funding for Council-initiated projects. She explained the scope of the reimbursement-based grant agreement for the

amount of \$1,000,000 with the Volunteers of America Western Washington to construct a Neighborhood Center.

ACTION: Councilmember Wright made a motion to approve Motion 22-342. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

F. Clerk's Report on pending legislation - No Report

G. Reports of Council committees:

Committee Chairs announced upcoming committee meetings, as listed on the agenda.

1. Finance and Economic Development

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.)

2. Law and Justice/Human Services

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.)

3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.)

4. Planning and Community Development

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.)

5. Public Works and Infrastructure

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.)

H. Reports of outside committees

Council Chair Dunn reported that she sits on the Elections Canvassing Board and a meeting will be held later today to confirm the recent election results.

I. Chairperson's Report

1. Planning Commission Pending Issues (August 8, 2022)

[2022-0790](#)

J. Chief of Staff's Report

K. Full Council Action on Items from COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

L. Other Business

M. Executive Session(s):

N. Adjourn

At 9:50, Council Chair Dunn recessed the meeting until the 10:00 a.m. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting.