



# Snohomish County Council

## Public Hearings

## Meeting Minutes

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

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Wednesday, October 25, 2023

10:30 AM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mead called the public hearing 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 Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

1. Ordinance 23-093, approving Amendment No. 16 to consolidated contract with Washington State Department of Health and providing authority for future amendments regarding Covid-19 LHJ Gap Funding, Executive Office of Resiliency & Health Security - WFD LHJ, Office of Immunization - FSU Ukrainian Community Outreach Resource Center, Office of Immunization - Ukrainian Outreach Support [2023-1024](#)

Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the title into the record.

Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed contract amendment which increases the contract total by \$3,519,641 for a total contract amount of \$35,178,552.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-093. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-093 carried unanimously.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

2. Amended Ordinance 23-091, approving agreement with [2023-1034](#)  
Washington State Department of Health for the sharing of opioid overdose data, confidential information or limited datasets

Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the title into the record.

Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained that the proposed substitute ordinance allows broader access to Early Notification of Community-Based Epidemics (ESSENCE) data sets and expanded programmatic uses for the data.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve proposed substitute Ordinance 23-091. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-091, as amended, carried unanimously.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Jim Martin, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

3. Ordinance 23-094, modifying vacation leave accruals for classified employees and amending SCC 3A.06.050 [2023-1053](#)

Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the title into the record.

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report on the proposed Code amendment to adjust the annual and maximum vacation accruals for classified employees to align with recent bargaining unit agreements.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-094. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-094 carried unanimously.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

4. Ordinance 23-092, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign an interlocal agreement for overlay improvements within Silver Lake Water and Sewer District [2023-1031](#)

Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the title into the record.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview and fiscal impact of the proposed agreement through December 31, 2033, for overlay improvements, which includes overall planning, design, and construction.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-092. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-092 carried unanimously.

***(Continued from Public Hearing on October 18, 2023.)***

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

5. Ordinance 23-095, approving procedures for management and disposition of county owned vehicles, amending Chapter 4.46 SCC [2023-1054](#)

Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the title into the record.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report explaining the proposed Code changes to allow for the donation of surplus vehicles to government agencies or non-profit organizations that provide services to the poor and infirm.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

Councilmember Dunn provided additional information and thanked the Department of Facilities and Fleet for working with her to introduce the ordinance.

Chair Mead thanked Councilmember Dunn for working with the Department to introduce the ordinance.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-095. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-095 carried unanimously.

***(Continued from Public Hearing on October 18, 2023.)***

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

*\*See names listed below of individuals providing public testimony.*

6. Ordinance 23-128, relating to County businesses, requiring the acceptance of cash as payment for goods and/or services, adding a new Chapter 6.70 SCC, amending Chapters 2.02 and 30.85 SCC and providing an effective date [2023-1230](#)

Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the title into the record.

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, including exemptions and violations.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony and the following individuals spoke in support of Ordinance 23-128:

- John Peebles, resident of Everett
- Stephanie Aldridge, resident of Lake Stevens
- Kevin Shambaugh, resident of Everett

There being no other persons present wishing to testify, Chair Mead closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

Discussion followed and Vice-Chair Nehring, Councilmember Peterson, and Councilmember Dunn spoke in support of the ordinance.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-128. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-128 carried unanimously.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

7. Ordinance 23-078, relating to County businesses, requiring the acceptance of cash as payment for goods and/or services, adding a new Chapter 6.70 SCC, and providing an effective date [2023-0905](#)

Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the title into the record.

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, explained that Ordinance 23-078 is moot with the approval of Ordinance 23-128. She noted that for record-keeping purposes, the Clerks suggest that the Council move to deny the ordinance.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to deny Ordinance 23-078. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to deny Ordinance 23-078 carried unanimously.

***(Continued from Public Hearing on September 27, 2023.)***

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 10:58 a.m.