



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

9:00 AM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

RESPONSE TO COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

Snohomish County Council held its meeting remotely via Zoom. Governor Inslee's Emergency Proclamations can be accessed at the County Council's Home page - <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/172/County-Council>.

PRESENT

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Lacey Harper, Executive's Office
Jason Biermann, Emergency Management
Elena, Asst. Clerk of the Council

**See name listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Low led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

Bryan Partington, resident of Everett, provided public comment relating to the eviction moratorium.

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

1. Resolution 21-025, a resolution condemning antisemitism [2021-0375](#)

Councilmember Nehring provided a statement in support of the resolution.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 21-025. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 21-026, recognizing June 2021 as Orca Action Month in Snohomish County [2021-0378](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 21-026. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 21-186, approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Mountlake Terrace and Snohomish County for disbursement of funds for Bicentennial Park Improvements [2021-0275](#)
2. Motion 21-187, authorizing the County Executive to sign an Interagency Agreement with the Department of Ecology to receive grant funds for the former Tect site at Snohomish County Airport [2021-0297](#)
3. Motion 21-191, extending the deadline for applications for Small Capital Project Partnership (SCPP) Grants in 2021 [2021-0321](#)
4. Motion 21-193, authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign a contract with Joyce Ziker Partners PLLC for legal services for environmental claims at the Snohomish County Airport [2021-0291](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

H. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 21-203, approving Administrative Matters presented at Council General Legislative Session on June 2, 2021 [2021-0369](#)
 - a. Approving Bid Award Recommendation PW-010-21SB to Granite Construction Co. for the 2021 County Overlay and ADA Program, in the amount of \$2,805,387.06, inclusive of WA State sales tax [2021-0339](#)
 - b. Receiving Notice of Amendments to Hearing Examiner's Rules of Procedure 1.8 and 3.3 [2021-0362](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 21-203. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

I. Action on Items from Committee

1. Finance and Economic Development
2. Law and Justice/Human Services
3. Operations
4. Planning and Community Development
5. Public Works
6. Committee of the Whole

J. Other Business

1. Motion 21-206, approving an increase in the number of employees authorized in the 2021 Annual Budget in the Grant Control Fund 130 for the Office of Recovery [2021-0370](#)
2. Motion 21-207 approving a budget transfer within Grant Fund 130 [2021-0371](#)

**NOTE: Motion 21-206 and Motion 21-207 are for discussion only, and will be considered at Administrative Session on Monday, June 7, 2021.*

Lacey Harper, Executive Director, and Jason Biermann, Director of Emergency Management, provided an overview of the purposes of Motions 21-206 and 21-207, relating to funding and staffing for the Office of Recovery.

Discussion ensued as Ms. Harper and Mr. Biermann responded to questions relating to the contract positions, benefits, and funding sources for the Office of Recovery.

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

Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff, noted that the Council will convene into two remote Executive Sessions to discuss a matter relating to potential litigation and pending litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for an initial 15 minutes with no anticipated action to follow. He noted that any extensions would be announced by the clerk in the open Zoom meeting.

At 9:33 a.m., Council Chair Wright recessed the Council into the remote Executive Session.

1. Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPAs: J. Cummings & L. Kisielius

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low (not present)
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff (District 5)
Josh Dugan, Executive Chief of Staff
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Undersheriff Jeff Brand
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager
Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Geoffrey Enns, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The first remote Executive Session started at 9:33 a.m. for an initial 15 minutes.
At 9:48 a.m., the remote Executive Session was extended by 5 minutes to 9:53 a.m.
At 9:49 a.m., the Council entered the second remote Executive Session.

2. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPAs: B. Casey & G. Enns

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low (not present)
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff (District 5)
Josh Dugan, Executive Chief of Staff
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Mike McCrary, Planning and Development Services (PDS) Director
Mitchell Brouse, PDS
Stephen Toy, PDS
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager

Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Laura Kisielius, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The second remote Executive Session started at 9:49 a.m.

At 9:53 a.m., the remote Executive Session was extended by 2 minutes to 9:55 a.m.

At 9:55 a.m., the remote Executive Session was extended by 3 minutes to 9:58 a.m.

At 9:58 a.m., the remote Executive Session was extended by 3 minutes to 10:01 a.m.

At 10:01 a.m., the remote Executive Session was extended by 1 minute to 10:02 a.m.

The remote Executive Session ended at 10:02 a.m.

M. Adjourn

At 10:02 a.m., Council Chair Wright reconvened the Council in the open public Zoom meeting and there being no further business for the day, the Council was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.