



Snohomish County Council

Committee of the Whole - Budget Deliberations

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, October 4, 2022

9:30 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Vice Chair Mead
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Interim Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Nicole Daugherty, Medical Examiner's Office
Sheriff Adam Fortney, Sheriff's Office
Karla Beers, Sheriff's Office
Norm Link, Sheriff's Office
Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director
Mike Liddicoat, Human Services
Judge Jennifer Rancourt, Cascade District Court
Judge Doug Fair, South District Court
Kathryn Koehler, District Court
Judge George Appel, Superior Court
Judge Millie Judge, Superior Court
Andrew Somers, Superior Court
Aaron Perez, Superior Court
Heidi Percy, Snohomish County Clerk
Sheila Postle, Snohomish County Chief Deputy Clerk
Teri Bordua, Snohomish County Clerk's Office
Tom Teigen, Conservation and Natural Resources Director
Sharon Swan, Parks Department Director
Linda Neunzig, Office of Agriculture
Molly Beeman, Energy & Environmental Sustainability Manager
Gregg Farris, Surface Water Management Director
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
Elena Lao, Asst, Clerk of the Council

2023 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS - DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment for both in-person and remote via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

Department Presentations - Q&A:

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a brief introduction. The following electeds, department directors, and staff provided presentations and spoke about information regarding their department's operation and 2023 Budget requests.

1. Medical Examiner [2022-1029](#)

Nicole Daugherty, Medical Examiner's (ME) Office, provided the ME's department presentation. She responded to brief questions from Councilmembers Nehring and Dunn.

2. Sheriff's Office - Corrections & Law Enforcement [2022-1030](#)

Sheriff Adam Fortney provided a high-level overview of the Sheriff Department.

Karla Beers, Sheriff's Department, provided 2023 Budget Sheriff's Department presentation.

Sheriff Fortney and Norm Link, Sheriff's Office, responded to various questions and discussion ensued, including questions related to staffing issues, recruiting, incentives, body cameras and costs, and a wellness program, which Sheriff Fortney said he is not requesting staff for, at this time.

At 10:23 a.m. Chair Dunn recessed the Council for a break to 10:45 a.m.

Chair Dunn called the Council back to order at 10:45 a.m.

1. Human Services [2022-1031](#)

Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director, provided the department presentation and responded to various questions from councilmembers.

2. District Court [2022-1032](#)

Presiding Judge Jennifer Rancourt, Cascade District Court, provided the presentation for District Court. Judge Rancourt, Judge Doug Fair, and Kathryn Koehler, District Court, responded to questions including questions related to an additional judge request, revenue from the city of Arlington contract, and protection order legislation.

3. Superior Court [2022-1033](#)

Presiding Judge George Appel, Superior Court, provided a brief introduction and Judge Millie Judge, Superior Court, provided the presentation for Superior Court. Judge Appel and Judge Judge responded to questions related to the remodel and staffing at Denny Juvenile Justice Center. They also responded to questions about addressing translation services.

4. Clerk [2022-1034](#)

Heidi Percy, Snohomish County Clerk, provided the Clerk's Office presentation.

Responding to Councilmember Low, Ms. Percy spoke about shift changes from certain divisions, to support workload, to Juvenile Court. Ms. Percy responded to additional questions from Councilmember Low related to workspace and said she would follow up with him with the total amount of staff that is staffed at Juvenile Court.

Chair Dunn called the Council back to order at 1:30 p.m.

Councilmember Nehring returned remotely

1. Conservation & Natural Resources [2022-1035](#)

Tom Teigen, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Director, provided an introduction and began the department presentation.

Sharon Swan, Parks Division Director, continued with the presentation and provided a high-level overview of the Parks Division.

Ms. Swan responded to questions from Councilmember Low related to revenue for the Fair and possible fairground improvements.

DCNR staff responded to additional questions from Councilmember Low related to the Meadowdale project and Surface Water Management positions.

Linda Neunzig, Office of Agriculture, spoke about agriculture in Snohomish County and upcoming and ongoing projects.

Molly Beeman, Office of Energy and Sustainability (OES), provided the OES presentation.

Gregg Farris, Surface Water Management (SWM) Director, provided the SWM presentation.

Mr. Farris and Mr. Teigen responded to Chair Dunn and spoke about efficiency and effectiveness with SWM as part of DCNR.

There being no further business, Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day at 2:16 p.m.