



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

10:30 AM

Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Council 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 (*remote*)
Councilmember Peterson
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council
Lisa Campfield, Asst. Clerk of the Council

1. Ordinance 23-049, approving Everett Public Facility District's [2023-0500](#)
Interlocal Agreement CLFR-036a

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

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed agreement granting \$562,500 in Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds to the Everett Public Facility District.

Council 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: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-049. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-049 carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

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

2. Ordinance 23-045, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington to implement portions of the Community Floodplain Solutions - Phase II Project

[2023-0465](#)

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

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report explaining the proposed ordinance amending an interlocal agreement to eliminate the Tulalip Tribes of Washington match requirement for a Department of Ecology grant. She noted that the new cost of the agreement is \$644,412.

Council 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: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-045. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-045 carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn (*remote*)
Councilmember Peterson
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Lisa Campfield, Asst. Clerk of the Council

3. Ordinance 23-051, relating to Growth Management; promoting innovative housing types in the R-5 Zone; adding a new Chapter 30.41H (Rural Village Housing Demonstration Program); and adding a new section to Chapter 30.86 of the Snohomish County Code [2023-0555](#)

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

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report summarizing the proposed ordinance. He explained that the proposed ordinance would require protection of at least 85% of a site as rural open space, with a major program objective of encouraging preservation of agricultural, timber, and other similar activities. He said the proposed demonstration program would run for two years, unless extended by the Council.

Mr. Countryman responded to a question from Councilmember Dunn about requirements for proposed residents of this program. Councilmember Peterson praised the proposed program and tour he had of the proposed site.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony.

The following individuals provided testimony:

1. Dave Boehnlein, Arlington, Rooted Northwest
2. Robert Nemnich, Arlington
3. Vince Vendenhall, Arlington
4. John Sales, Arlington
5. Rachel Holkengrin

Council Vice-Chair Nehring, Councilmember Dunn, and Council Chair Mead expressed their support for the proposed ordinance.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-051. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-051 carried 4-1 with Councilmember Low opposing.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn (*remote*)
Councilmember Peterson
Lisa Campfield, Asst. Clerk of the Council

4. Recognizing Motion 23-192 which summarily dismissed an appeal of the Snohomish County Hearing Examiner's March 16, 2023, Decision and April 17, 2023, Order of Reconsideration, in the case of Husaynia Islamic Society of Seattle, File No. 20-114230 CUP located at 15231 State St. Snohomish, Washington, 98296, approving the conditional use permit to construct and operate a religious worship facility [2023-0508](#)

The Council has convened today to address the Closed Record Appeal of Husaynia Islamic Society of Seattle.

A Closed Record Appeal Hearing was set for today and notice of the hearing was sent to parties-of-record and published in the Everett Daily Herald.

An Order summarily dismissing the appeal was approved by Council on May 10, 2023, by the adoption of Motion No. 23-192. Because the Council summarily dismissed the appeal, the Council will not be taking any argument or conducting a hearing today.

ADJOURN

At 10:25 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the Council until the 2:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Interviews/District Court Judge Vacancy - Cascade Division).