



Snohomish County Council

Planning and Community Development Committee

Minutes

Nate Nehring, Committee Chair
Megan Dunn, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Stephanie Wright, Sam Low, Jared Mead

Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff
Russell Wiita, Legislative Aide
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

10:30 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:

Committee Chair Nehring
Committee Vice-Chair Dunn
Committee Member Wright
Committee Member Mead
Committee Member Low
Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst
Terri Strandberg, Planning & Development Services
David Killingstad, Planning & Development Services
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

*See names listed below of people providing public comment

CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Nehring called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and provided Zoom/remote meeting instructions for those wishing to provide public comment.

ROLL CALL:

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

[Clerk Note: After roll call was taken Committee Vice-Chair Dunn entered the meeting at 10:31 a.m.]

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following people provided public comment:

William Lider, resident of city of Lynnwood, provided comment related to Ord. No. 21-025.
Marjie Fields, resident of city of Edmonds, provided comment related to Ord. No. 21-025.
Brian Copple, resident of Fire District 5, provided comment related to Mot. No. 21-153.
David Toyer, resident of city of Lake Stevens, provided comment related to Mot. No. 21-147.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion 21-153, calling for a special election relating to an increase in the number of commissioners on the Board of Fire Commissioners of Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 5 [2021-0158](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. She stated there are no fiscal impacts to the county and that the Council must take action before May 14th in order to meet the deadline for the August 3, 2021, primary.

Responding to Committee Vice-Chair Dunn, Ms. Beazizo, confirmed that a public hearing is not necessary.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session, May 5, 2021, for consideration.

2. Ordinance 21-026, an interlocal agreement with Pacific Northwest Economic Region for maritime focused supply chain workshops [2021-0198](#)

Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff, provided a staff report and stated this has been recommended by the Executive.

ACTION: Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session May 12, 2021, to set time and date for a public hearing.

3. Ordinance 21-025, relating to regulation of stormwater; amending Chapters 7.53, 7.54, 30.63a, 30.63b and subtitle 30.91 of the Snohomish County Code (SCC) in response to the County's 2019 NPDES Phase I Permit [2021-0182](#)

Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff, provided an introduction.

Terri Strandberg, Planning & Development Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation and briefed the Council on the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) 2019-2024 Phase 1 Permit.

Ms. Strandberg responded to questions from Committee Vice-Chair Dunn related to bioretention ponds, fencing requirements, allowed pesticides and fertilizers, timelines, and final review. Ms. Strandberg said she would gather more information for her about bioretention ponds regarding active areas.

ACTION: Move to Administrative Matters, General Legislative Session May 12, 2021, to set time and date for a public hearing.

4. Motion 21-147, approving the Final List of Amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan (GMACP) And GMA Development Regulations for Docket XXI [2021-0067](#)

Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff, provided a staff report. He clarified that this motion is a preliminary review by Planning and Development Services (PDS) staff and a presentation of different docket proposals, not asking for action at this time. He explained the request will be to hold the motion in Planning Committee and bring back for discussion later in the year and schedule a hearing in January of 2022.

David Killingstad, PDS, provided a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about the Comprehensive Plan Amendment process. He spoke about docket cycles and timelines.

Due to time constraints, Committee continued the remainder of this presentation to the next Planning Committee. PDS staff will begin at the next presentation summarizing the docket proposals.

ACTION: No Action - Continued to May 18, 2021, Planning Committee for continued discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. Council Initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Urban Tree Canopy - Vice-Chair Dunn [2021-0244](#)

Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff, provided an introduction.

David Killingstad, PDS, explained this would be a Council initiated proposal. He spoke about timing and deadlines for proposals to be submitted to stay on schedule for a January 2022 public hearing.

Committee Vice-Chair Dunn spoke to her proposal and expressed her support.

Brief discussion ensued between committee members and Mr. Killingstad.

[Committee Member Wright left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.]

Committee Chair Nehring asked Mr. Thomas to send the Tree Canopy Proposal to committee members. This item will be kept on as a discussion item and Committee Vice-Chair Dunn suggested scheduling it back on the agenda in approximately a month.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.