



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

9:00 AM

Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting

PRESENT:

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

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

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Dunn

Councilmember Dunn led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Tribal Land Acknowledgement

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[2022-0129](#)

Councilmember Dunn read the Tribal Land Acknowledgement into the record.

E. Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment:

1. Linda Gray, resident of Snohomish County, provided comments in opposition of Motion 23-022, reappointing the Hearings Administrator, and Ordinance 22-076, amending Planning Commissioner terms.
2. Debbie Wetzel, resident of Clearview, provided comments in opposition of Motion 23-022, reappointing the Hearings Administrator, and Ordinance 22-076, amending Planning Commissioner terms.
3. Cathleen Gustafson, resident of Woodinville, provided comments in opposition of Motion 23-022, reappointing the Hearings Administrator.

F. Committee of the Whole**G. Resolutions****H. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion 23-020, authorizing the County Executive to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gold Bar and Snohomish County Concerning Building, Construction, Fire Plan Review, and Code Inspection Services [2023-0002](#)
2. Motion 23-043, authorizing approval of Contract Amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with the CNA Corporation to provide additional consulting services [2023-0023](#)

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

I. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 23-065, approving Administrative Matters Motion presented at General Legislative Session on February 8, 2023 [2023-0123](#)
 - a. Receiving the Office of Hearings Administration Annual Reports 2017-2019 [2023-0107](#)
 - b. Receiving the Exemptions Including Seniors and Government 2022 Report [2023-0117](#)
 - c. Receiving the Value Modifications 2022 Report [2023-0125](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-065. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Action on Items from Committee

1. Finance and Economic Development
2. Law and Justice/Human Services
3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation
4. Planning and Community Development

- a. Ordinance 23-009, relating to Growth Management; revising regulations for State-Licensed Marijuana Retail Facilities; amending Snohomish County Code Sections 30.22.100, 30.22.110, and 30.28.120 [2023-0120](#)

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a brief overview of the proposed ordinance.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 23-009 on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- b. Motion 23-022, reappointing Peter B. Camp to the Office of Administrator of the Snohomish County Office of Hearings Administration [2023-0061](#)

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and additional information in response to questions raised at the Planning and Community Development Committee on February 7, 2023.

Discussion ensued as Mr. Countryman responded to further questions relating to term limits, comparative data of hearing examiners' processes in other jurisdictions, and an evaluation of the current systems and processes in the Office of Hearings Administration.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-022. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. Public Works and Infrastructure
6. Committee of the Whole

K. Other Business

L. Public Meetings/Hearings

M. Executive Session

N. Adjourn

At 9:18 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the meeting until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.