



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Minutes

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

Wednesday, March 31, 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 Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Councilmember Low
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Council Staff
Cassie Fannin, Council Staff
David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council

**See names 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 instructions for remote participation in the Zoom meeting.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Chair Wright led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

Scott Bennison, resident of Lake Stevens, spoke in support of the proposed Lake Stevens Southeast Interlocal Annexation (Ordinance 21-005).

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

1. Resolution 21-008, honoring Yorik Stevens-Wajda and his years of service to Snohomish County [2021-0102](#)

Councilmembers thanked Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Senior Legislative Analyst, for his years of dedication and service, and congratulated him on his future endeavor as the Planning Director for the city of Everett.

Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council, also expressed appreciation to Mr. Stevens-Wajda.

ACTION: Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 21-008. Council Vice-Chair Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 21-009, recognizing March 31, 2021, as Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day [2021-0094](#)

Cassie Fannin, Council Staff, shared her family's story of her daughter who was born with Congenital Diaphragmation Hernia (CDH).

Councilmembers expressed appreciation to Ms. Fannin for her courage to share her inspiring story to help educate and raise awareness of CDH.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 21-009. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda**H. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 21-125, approving Administrative Matters presented at Council General Legislative Session held March 31, 2021: [2021-0088](#)
Approving Bid Award Recommendation PW-002-21SB to Strider Construction Co., Inc. for Meadowdale Beach Park and Estuary Reconstruction, in the amount of \$7,519,427.90 [2021-0068](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 21-125. 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**

- a.** Motion 21-124, referring proposed comprehensive plan, code, and zoning map revisions relating to mineral resource land policies and regulations to the Department of Planning and Development Services and Snohomish County Planning Commission [2021-0084](#)

Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a comprehensive presentation.

Discussion ensued as Mr. Stevens-Wajda, along with David Killingstad, Planning and Development Services, responded to various questions from Council. There was consensus from Council to move the motion forward and refer the matter to the Planning Commission.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 21-124. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- b.** Ordinance 21-005, approving and authorizing the County Executive to sign an interlocal agreement between Snohomish County, the city of Lake Stevens, and the Lake Stevens Sewer District for the Southeast Interlocal Annexation (Reference ECAF 71071) [2021-0106](#)

Yorik Stevens-Wajda, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Councilmember Low disclosed that his wife works for the Lake Stevens Sewer District, and therefore will recuse himself from the vote.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 21-005 on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried 4-0-1, with Councilmember Low abstaining.

J. Other Business**K. Public Meetings/Hearings****L. Executive Session**

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, noted that the Council will convene into two remote Executive Sessions to discuss matters relating to pending litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), for 10 minutes, with no anticipated action to follow. Any extensions would be announced to the public by the clerk in the open Zoom meeting.

At 10:10 a.m., Council Chair Wright recessed the Council into the remote Executive Sessions.

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPAs: J. Cummings and L. Downs

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Sheila Barker, Risk Management
Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Lyndsey Downs, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

2. Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
DPA: S. Bladek

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Eric Parks, Deputy Executive
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Brian Haseleu, Budget and Systems Manager
Rhea Reynolds, Human Resource Director
Rob Sprague, Human Resources
Adam Fortney, Sheriff
Jeffrey Brand, Undersheriff
Doug Morrill, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Steve Bladek, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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At 10:35 a.m., the remote Executive Sessions were extended for 2 minutes to 10:37 a.m.

At 10:37 a.m., the remote Executive Sessions ended.

M. Adjourn

At 11:38 a.m., Council Chair Wright reconvened the Council in the open public Zoom meeting and called for a five-minute recess before opening the Public Hearing, immediately following General Legislative Session.