



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

10:30 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
District 3 (*vacant*)
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
Lisa Campfield, Asst. Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Dunn called the Council to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Ordinance 22-037, relating to environmental review; Increasing exemption thresholds for minor new construction and adopting new categorical exemptions per the State Environmental Policy Act to Promote Infill Development in Urban Growth Areas; Amending existing and adding new sections in chapters 30.43F, 30.61, 30.70 and 30.91I of Snohomish County Code [2022-0855](#)

Chair Dunn opened the public hearing and the clerk read the ordinance title into the record.

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report, and explained that this ordinance would make amendments to Section 30 of the Snohomish County Code, related to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). He

explained that the amendment sheet addresses a detail related to reciprocal interlocal agreements with other jurisdictions and agencies regarding their roads.

Chair Dunn opened the hearing for public testimony and provided instructions for those wishing to provide testimony for both in-person and remote, via Zoom.

The following individuals testified in support of proposed Ordinance 22-037:

1. Mike Pattison, Master Builders Association, resident of Bellevue
2. John Mirante, Pacific Ridge Homes
3. Brian Holzclaw, resident of Mill Creek
4. Mark Villwock, LDC, Inc.

There being no further persons present wishing to testify, Chair Dunn closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

Councilmember Nate Nehring expressed his support for Ordinance 22-037 and thanked Mr. Countryman, Planning and Development Services, and Public Works staff for their time working on this ordinance.

Vice-Chair Mead thanked Councilmember Nehring and Mr. Countryman for their work on this ordinance, as well as everyone who testified.

Mr. Countryman responded to questions from Chair Dunn related to Surface Water Management's coordination with this ordinance. He explained that coordination was not necessary because the drainage and surface water regulations that Snohomish County has in place were already deemed adequate mitigation for SEPA.

Mr. Countryman responded to an additional question related to the SEPA Appeal process.

ACTION: Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-037. Vice-Chair Mead seconded the motion.

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Amendment Sheet 1. Vice-Chair Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

The question was called for and the clerk called the roll. The motion to approve Ordinance 22-037, as amended, carried unanimously by the four members present.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day at 10:51 a.m.