



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

10:30 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Dunn called the public hearing to order at 11:57 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ACTION ITEMS

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead
Councilmember Wright (*remote*)
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council

1. Ordinance 22-025, creating a Department of Economic Development; adding Chapter 2.750 of Snohomish County Code [2022-0559](#)

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

Heidi Beazizo, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report on the proposal to create a Department of Economic Development to create greater opportunities for collaboration, synergy, and efficiency on issues relating to economic development for the County.

In response to Councilmember Low, Ms. Beazizo explained that fiscal implications are unknown at this time and request for funding would be submitted in the proposed 2023 budget.

Council Chair Dunn requested that a proposed staff chart be included with the budget request.

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

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Ordinance 22-025. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 22-025 carried by a vote of four to one, with Councilmember Low opposing.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(Moved from General Legislative Session, August 17, 2022)

Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff, stated that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss a matter relating to pending litigation for an initial 10 minutes and extensions to be announced, as needed, with no anticipated action to follow.

At 12:02 p.m., Council Chair Dunn recessed the Council into Executive Session.

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: L. Kisielius

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead
Councilmember Wright (*remote*)
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Russell Wiita, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Alessandra Durham, Executive Chief of Staff (*remote*)
Mike McCrary, Planning and Development Services Director (*remote*)

Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Laura Kisielius, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 12:02 p.m. for an initial ten minutes to 12:12 p.m.
At 12:12 p.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 12:17 p.m.
The Executive Session ended at 12:14 p.m.

(There was no Council action as a result of the Executive Session.)

ADJOURN

At 12:17 p.m., Council Chair Dunn reconvened the meeting and there being no further business for the day, adjourned the Council.