



Snohomish County Council
Finance and Economic Development Committee
Meeting Minutes

Megan Dunn, Committee Chair
Nate Nehring, Committee Vice-Chair
Committee Members: Sam Low, Jared Mead, Strom Peterson

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst
Paula Rhyne, Legislative Aide
Cheri Danner, Assistant Clerk of the Council

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

10:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Committee Chair Dunn
Committee Vice-Chair Nehring
Committee Member Low (*remote*)
Committee Member Mead (*remote*)
Committee Member Peterson (*remote*)
Garry Clerk, Economic Alliance Snohomish County
Wendy Poischbeg, Economic Alliance Snohomish County
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Cheri Danner, Asst. Clerk of the Council

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment for both in-person and remote via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion 23-076, authorizing the Executive to sign a contract for economic development services with Greater Seattle Partners [2023-0090](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained this motion would authorize the Executive to sign the 2023 contract with Greater Seattle Partners. Mr. Martin noted the agreement is through December 31, 2023, and has a not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00.

Chair Dunn asked if this is the same agreement as last year. Mr. Martin indicated it was the same, with a possible slight amount difference due to ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding last year.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 8th for consideration.

2. Motion 23-077, authorizing the Executive to sign a contract for economic development services with Economic Alliance Snohomish County [2023-0157](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained this motion would authorize the Executive to sign the 2023 contract with Economic Alliance Snohomish County with the term of December 31, 2023, and a not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00. Mr. Martin noted that this is a reduction of \$50,000.00 from last year's contract, which was increased with one time ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. Discussion ensued about last year's ARPA funding.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 8th for consideration.

3. Motion 23-061, appointing Ms. Maggie Kase to the Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission [2023-0112](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report which discussed the background of Maggie Kase and said if appointed, her term will expire on January 31, 2026. Mr. Martin noted there is a scrivener's error in the Motion indicating that this is a re-appointment, when in fact, it is an initial appointment.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 8th for consideration

4. Motion 23-062, appointing Ms. Taylor Russell to the Snohomish County Historic Preservation Commission [2023-0113](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report which discussed the background of Taylor Russell. If appointed, she would represent District 5 and her term will expire on December 31, 2026.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 8th for consideration.

5. Motion 23-089, authorizing the County Executive to sign a contract for professional services for tax payment processing with Retail Lockbox Inc. [2023-0092](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed agreement and explained the motion approves authorization for the Executive to sign the contract with Retail Lockbox Inc. Mr. Martin indicated the term of the contract is through February 15, 2024, with a potential for up to two additional two-year terms at the sole discretion of the County, not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the initial term.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 8th for consideration.

6. Motion 23-088, authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign contract amendments with Joyce Ziker Partners, PLLC to reflect merger with Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson, P.S. for legal services for the Snohomish County Airport [2023-0149](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the motion would approve contract amendments, revising the names on three contracts. Mr. Martin further indicated Amendment 1 to Other Areas provides additional compensation of \$50,000.00, and Amendment 2 increases the not to exceed amount to \$125,000.00 for legal services.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 8th for consideration.

7. Motion 23-079, approving award of council project funds (Second Chance Foundation) [2023-0162](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report on the proposed awards of Council project funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 to the Second Chance Foundation. The agreement runs through December 31, 2023.

ACTION: Move to Consent Agenda, General Legislative Session March 8th for consider

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Economic Alliance Snohomish County [2023-0198](#)
Garry Clark, President and CEO
Wendy Poischbeg, Vice President of Economic Development

Garry Clark, President and CEO and Wendy Poischbeg, Vice President of Economic Development with Economic Alliance Snohomish County provided a presentation highlighting activities and projects in 2022.

Committee Chair Dunn discussed legislative connection and Mr. Clark clarified that the \$50,000.00 ARPA funding [discussed in Action Item #2, Motion 23-077] received was largely due to losses and not tied to any specific program.

Committee Chair Dunn thanked Mr. Clark and Ms. Poischbeg.

At 10:49 a.m., Committee Chair Dunn recessed the meeting until the 11:00 a.m. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation Committee meeting.