



Snohomish County Council
Committee of the Whole - Budget Deliberations
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2024

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor
Robert J. Drewel Building
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Alessandra Szebenyi, Executive's Office
Wil Johnson, Executive's Office
Trudy Soriano, Executive's Office
Britni Lynch, Executive's Office
Kara Main-Hester, Executive's Office
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Linda Hjelle, Assessor
Laura Washabaugh, Chief Deputy Assessor
Garth Fell, Auditor
Alex Pedersen, Chief Deputy Auditor
Gricelda Montes, Public Advocate
Mary Gregory, Public Advocate's Office
Rhea Reynolds, Human Resources Director
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

2025-2026 BIENNIAL BUDGET DELIBERATIONS
DEPARTMENT PRESENTATIONS

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Mead called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, noted a scheduling conflict.

[Executive's Office began the presentations]

Department Presentations - Q&A:

Mr. Martin provided an introduction.

1. Treasurer [2024-2548](#)

Rescheduled to Tuesday, October 15th at 9:30 a.m.

2. Executive (ORR, OSJ, Eco Devo) [2024-2549](#)

Alessandra Szebenyi, Executive Chief of Staff, provided an overview and presented the Executive's Office Budget Presentation.

Will Johnson, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, spoke briefly and introduced himself. Ms. Szebenyi provided the Office of Social Justice Budget presentation.

Trudy Soriano, Tourism, provided the Budget presentation for the Office of Economic Development.

Britni Lynch, Continuous Improvement, provided the Budget presentation for the Office of Operational Excellence.

Kara Main-Hester, Chief Recovery and Resilience Officer, provided the Budget presentation for the Office of Recovery and Resilience.

Ms. Szebenyi provided closing remarks and staff responded to councilmembers' questions.

Mr. Martin explained the schedule change and said the Treasurer will present next Tuesday (November 15th) at 9:30 a.m.

4. Finance (Non-Departmental & Debt Service) [2024-2551](#)
Director Nathan Kennedy submitted a corrected budget allocation slide (slide 6) and provided the Budget presentation for the Finance Department. He responded to councilmembers' questions.

3. Assessor [2024-2550](#)
Assessor Linda Hjelle provided the Assessor's Office Budget presentation and responded to questions.

At 10:47 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council until 12:45 p.m.

At 12:45 p.m., Chair Mead called the Council back to order.

5. Auditor [2024-2552](#)
Auditor Garth Fell provided the Budget presentation for the Auditor's Office and responded to questions.

6. Public Advocate [2024-2553](#)
Public Advocate Gricelda Montes provided the Budget presentation for the Public Advocate's Office and responded to questions.

7. Human Resources [2024-2554](#)
Director Rhea Reynolds provided the Budget presentation for the Human Resources Department. She responded to questions, with input from Ken Klein, Executive's Office.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Mead adjourned the Council at 1:35 p.m.