



Snohomish County Council

Administrative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

9:00 AM

Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
Arif Ghouse, Airport Director (*former*)
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

A. Call to Order

Council Chair Mead called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment for both in-person and remote via Zoom.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Special Reports

1. Joint Resolution 23-008, recognizing Arif Ghouse and his contributions as Snohomish County's Airport Director

[2023-0173](#)

The clerk read the resolution title into the record.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Joint Resolution No. 23-008. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion.

Dave Somers, County Executive, spoke to the resolution. He thanked Arif Ghouse, Former Airport Director, for his service to the county, to the Airport, and thanked him for helping bring commercial air service to the county.

Mr. Ghouse spoke briefly about his time working as Airport Director. He complimented the team of professionals at the Airport, expressed his gratitude for the opportunity, and said he looks forward to the continued partnership.

Councilmembers Low, Nehring, and Dunn provided supportive comments and thanked Mr. Ghouse for his dedication and services to Snohomish County.

The question was called for and the motion to approve Joint Resolution No. 23-008 carried unanimously.

D. Public Comment

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

E. Introduction and Assignment of Legislation to Committees

All items assigned as listed below.

1. Finance and Economic Development

- a. Motion 23-124, authorizing the County Executive to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement for transfer of a fire vehicle between Snohomish County and Snohomish County Fire Protection District 4 [2023-0291](#)

2. Law and Justice/Human Services

- a. Motion 23-125, authorizing the Executive to sign the application with Washington State Department of Health for provider enrollment in the Childhood Vaccine Program [2023-0287](#)
- b. Motion 23-126, approving third amendment to 2021 Contract for Legal Services [2023-0306](#)

3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation

4. Planning and Community Development

5. Public Works and Infrastructure

- a. Ordinance 23-024, approving the acceptance of a Statutory Warranty Deed and establishing 188th St SW as a new county road [2023-0282](#)

- b. Ordinance 23-025, approving and authorizing the County Executive to sign Public Works Board Construction Loan Contract Number PC23-96103-139 for the Alderwood Mall Parkway, SR 525 to 168th St SW Road Improvement Project [2023-0283](#)
 - c. Ordinance 23-026, approving and authorizing the County Executive to sign Public Works Board Construction Loan Contract Number PC23-96103-140 for the 43rd Ave SE - Phase 1 Road Improvement Project [2023-0286](#)
 - d. Motion 23-127, adopting the Snohomish County Comprehensive Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan [2023-0310](#)
- 6. Committee of the Whole**
- a. Motion 23-105, approving an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lake Stevens and Snohomish County for Disbursement of Funds for Crosswalk Upgrades [2023-0223](#)

Nicole Gorle, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and stated that under this interlocal agreement the city of Lake Stevens will receive \$50,000.00 for ADA improvements to multiple crosswalks. Ms. Gorle said this is one of the 2022 City/Council Partnership Projects approved in the Budget and carried forward.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-105. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

F. Clerk's Report on Pending Legislation

- 1. Pending Legislation Report [2023-0315](#)

G. Reports of Council Committees:

1. Finance and Economic Development

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.)

2. Law and Justice/Human Services

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.)

3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)

4. Planning and Community Development

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)

5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation

fka Public Works and Infrastructure, committee name change effective April 1, 2023

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.)

H. Reports of Outside Committees**I. Chairperson's Report**

Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics Feb. 23, 2023

[2023-0271](#)

J. Chief of Staff's Report**K. Full Council Action on Items from Committee of the Whole**

See above Introduction and assignment of legislation to committees under Committee of the Whole for action taken.

L. Other Business**M. Executive Session(s):**

At 9:09 a.m., Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, stated that Council has a need for three Executive Sessions, two related to Pending Litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and one related to Labor Negotiations, pursuant to 42.30.140(4)(b), for an estimated time of 30 minutes for all three.

**1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Jason Cummings****PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Jason Cummings, Prosecutor
Bridget Casey, Prosecutor's Office (*remote*)
Sean Reay, Prosecutor's Office
Stave Bladek, Prosecutor's Office
Chris Huck, Outside Counsel

Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Lacey Harper, Executive's Office
Alessandra Durham, Executive's Office
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Brian Haseleu, Finance (*remote*)
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)

Executive Session #1 began at 9:10 a.m. and ended at 9:21 a.m.

2. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Sean Reay

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Jason Cummings, Prosecutor
Bridget Casey, Prosecutor's Office (*remote*)
Sean Reay, Prosecutor's Office
Stave Bladek, Prosecutor's Office
Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Lacey Harper, Executive's Office
Alessandra Durham, Executive's Office
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Brian Haseleu, Finance (*remote*)
Sharon Swan, Parks Division Director
Kye Iris, Conservation and Natural Resources
Tom Stowe, Public Works
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)

Executive Session #2 began at 9:21 a.m. and ended at 9:30 a.m.

3. Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
DPA: Steve Bladek

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Jason Cummings, Prosecutor
Bridget Casey, Prosecutor's Office (*remote*)
Sean Reay, Prosecutor's Office
Steve Bladek, Prosecutor's Office
Eric Parks, Deputy Executive
Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Lacey Harper, Executive's Office
Alessandra Durham, Executive's Office
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Brian Haseleu, Finance (*remote*)
Rhea Reynolds, Human Resources Director
Rob Sprague, Human Resources
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)

Executive Session #3 began at 9:30 a.m. and ended at 9:39 a.m.

N. Adjourn

At 9:40 a.m. Chair Mead called Administrative Session back to order and immediately recessed the Council until the 10:00 a.m. Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting.