



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, July 17, 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
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Peter Camp, Hearing Examiner
Doug Hobbs, Evergreen Speedway
Traci Hobbs, Evergreen Speedway
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chair Nehring

Council Vice-Chair Nehring led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

E. Committee of the Whole

F. Resolutions

1. Resolution 24-034, recognizing July 14, 2024, through, July 20, 2024, as "Speed Week" In Snohomish County [2024-1520](#)

Councilmember Low spoke to racing and events at Evergreen Speedway and thanked Doug and Traci Hobbs for being present today. Councilmembers Nehring and Dunn also provided supportive comments.

Chair Mead opened public comment on the resolution.

Doug Hobbs, Evergreen Speedway, provided comment and thanked the County for their support.

There being no further comment, Chair Mead closed comment on the resolution.

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Resolution 24-034. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 24-258, confirming the appointment of Madison McNeal-Martinis to the Snohomish County Children's Commission [2024-1262](#)
2. Motion 24-260, approve and authorize the County Executive to Execute the State Home Energy Assistance Program (SHEAP) contract S24-32608-081 with the Washington State Department of Commerce [2024-1278](#)
3. Motion 24-261, approving Amendment #5 to the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Act (PSTAA) Interlocal Agreement with Everett Community College [2024-1304](#)
4. Motion 24-264, authorizing the Executive to sign the Agreement for Substance Use Peer Navigation Program with Ideal Option PLLC [2024-1336](#)

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

H. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 24-286, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on July 17, 2024 [2024-1496](#)
 - a. Approving the following Award Recommendation:
 - 1) Bid Award Recommendation PW-24-023SB for Smith Island Drainage Facility in the amount of \$1,149,418.00 plus applicable Washington State sales tax [2024-1480](#)

b. Receiving the following reports:

- 1) Notice of Proposed Rule Making Action - Draft Rule 24-03 Lot Status Determination [2024-1509](#)
- 2) 2023 Early Learning Annual Report [2024-1517](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-286. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

I. Action on Items from Committee

1. **Community Safety and Justice**
2. **Finance, Budget and Administration**
3. **Health and Community Services**
4. **Planning and Community Development**
5. **Public Infrastructure and Conservation**
6. **Committee of the Whole**

- a. Motion 24-282, approving award of Council Project Funds for Food Bank costs [2024-1479](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-282. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Other Business

1. 2020-2023 Office of Hearings Administration (OHA) Report - Peter Camp, Hearing Examiner [2024-1204](#)

Peter Camp, Hearings Examiner, provided a report. He responded to questions from Councilmember Dunn. Councilmember Low provided comments and thanked Mr. Camp.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss two matters, one for Labor Negotiations pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) and one for potential litigation pursuant to 42.30.110(1)(i). She noted the initial duration for both is for 15 minutes with any time extensions to be announced, no anticipated action to follow.

At 9:15 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council into Executive Sessions.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Bridget Casey, Prosecutor's Office
Steve Bladek, Prosecutor's Office (*remote*)
Charlotte Comer, Prosecutor's Office (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Lacey Harper, Executive's Office (*remote*)
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Brian Haseleu, Finance (*remote*)
Rob Sprague, Human Resources
Carla Freeman, Human Resources
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)

Executive Session #1 began at 9:15 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:35 a.m.

At 9:35 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:40 a.m.

At 9:40 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session 10 minutes to 9:50 a.m.

Executive Session #1 ended at 9:46 a.m.

2. Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
Special Counsel Joe Bennett

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Bridget Casey, Prosecutor's Office
Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Lacey Harper, Executive's Office (*remote*)
Joe Bennett, Special Counsel
Kelly Snyder, Public Works Director (*remote*)
Doug McCormick, Public Works Deputy Director
Michele Pescador, Public Works
Janice Fahning, Public Works
Troy Fields, Public Works (*remote*)
Tim Tipton, Public Works
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)

Executive Session #2 began at 9:46 a.m.

At 9:50 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:55 a.m.

At 9:55 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:05 a.m.

Executive Session #2 ended at 10:05 a.m.

M. Adjourn

At 10:05 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearings.