



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, November 13, 2024	10:30 AM	Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor
		Robert J. Drewel Building
		& Remote Meeting

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

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
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Sheriff Susanna Johnson
Cheri Danner, Asst. Clerk of the Council
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
**See names listed below for persons who provided public testimony*

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mead called the Hearing to order at 10:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ACTION ITEMS

The clerk read the titles of each budget ordinance and motion into the record. Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a summary of the proposed ordinance amendments. He responded to initial questions.

Responding to Councilmember Dunn, Sheriff Susanna Johnson spoke to potential cuts in the Sheriff's Office. Discussion ensued.

Chair Mead opened the public testimony portion of the hearing and the following people provided testimony in opposition of raising property tax:

- Paul Brandal, resident of the city of Lake Stevens
- Marnie Claywell, resident of the city of Everett
- Susan Tinker, resident of Warm Beach
- Ping Chow, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Wendy Iseman, resident of the city of Mukilteo
- Julie Anderson, resident of the city of Marysville
- Doug Roulstone, resident of the city of Snohomish
- Julie Johnson, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Dave Stewart, resident of Snohomish County
- Joseph Wankelman, resident of the city of Lynnwood
- Craig Smith, resident of the city of Snohomish
- Janelle Cass, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Theresa Hutchison, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Erik Nelson, resident of the city of Edmonds
- James Kellett, resident of the city of Snohomish
- Denise Ruapach, resident of the city of Lynnwood
- Sandy Higgins, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Patti Whitmarsh, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Gerald Whitmarsh, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Tim Eyman, resident of the city of Bellevue
- Troy Sherrill, resident of the city of Mill Creek
- Wayne Petty, resident of the city of Everett
- Maribel Williams, resident of the city of Marysville
- Askvin Sanghvi, resident of the city of Mukilteo
- Brian Hayter, resident of the city of Edmonds, Snohomish County Camano Association of Realtors
- Randy Tendering, resident of the city of Arlington
- Georgia Fisher, resident of the city of Mukilteo
- Kristina Mitchell, resident of the city of Lynwood
- Mary Hadon, resident of the city of Snohomish
- Dave Tucker, resident of the city of Monroe
- OJ Marsten, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Sergi, resident of the city of Everett
- Andy Stevens, resident of the city of Bothell
- Jay Hahn, resident of unincorporated Snohomish County
- Anatoli Rabashka, resident of the city of Lake Stevens

- Deborah, resident of the city of Edmonds
- Aldopho, resident of the city of Marysville
- Tyler Verda, resident of the city of Everett
- Candice Treader, resident of the city of Lake Stevens
- Adrienne Hong, resident of the city of Everett
- Debbie Wetzel, resident of Snohomish County
- Scott Lee, resident of the city of Snohomish County
- Sharon Damoff, resident of the city of Mukilteo
- Todd Welch, resident of the city of Everett
- Ronnie Barthlomew, resident of the city of Marysville
- Bob Colinas, resident of Snohomish County
- Kimberly Ausling, resident of the city of Snohomish
- Joan Thomas, resident of Snohomish County
- Sandy Mesenbrink, resident of Snohomish County
- James Trefry, resident of the city of Everett

Chair Mead closed testimony for the day. He left testimony open for the remainder of the hearing.

Mr. Martin provided additional clarification and responded to questions regarding the property tax percentage and discussion ensued.

Chair Mead recessed the Council at 12:47 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Chair Mead called the Council back to order at 1:03 p.m.

[Councilmember Low returned to the meeting remotely]

Mr. Martin displayed the “dollar slide” (from the presentation at the Community Budget Forum on October 11th – see slide 3 in 2024-2559 linked below) and explained the General Fund portion of the property tax further. Discussion ensued.

Presentation

[2024-2559](#)

Vice-Chair Nehring read a prepared statement encouraging a no vote on a tax increase.

Council discussion ensued on the following proposed amendments:

- Amendment Sheet 1 to Proposed Ordinance 24-075
- Amendment Sheet 1 to Proposed Ordinance 24-088
- Amendment Sheet 1 to Third Proposed Substitute Motion 24-417
- Amendments to the Proposed Budget Ordinance 24-083 as follows:
 - Amendment Sheets 1 and 1A
 - Amendment Sheet 3
 - Amendment Sheets 5 and 6
 - Amendment Sheet 7
 - Amendment Sheet 8

- Amendment Sheet 9
- Amendment Sheets 10 through 15
- Amendment Sheets 16 and 17
- Amendment Sheet 18
- Amendment Sheets 19 and 20
- Amendment Sheets 21 and 22
- Amendment Sheet 23

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to continue the public hearing to November 25, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

1. Ordinance 24-093, establishing the 2025 monthly vehicle allowance of Elected Officials pursuant to SCC 3.36.035(2) [2024-2626](#)

2025-2026 BIENNIAL BUDGET ACTION ITEMS

1. Budget Ordinance 24-074, relating to property taxes, fixing the 2025 General Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and preserving future levy capacity [2024-2002](#)
2. Budget Ordinance 24-075, authorizing an increase in general tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2025 and 2026 [2024-2003](#)
3. Budget Ordinance 24-076, relating to property taxes; fixing the 2025 Road Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and preserving future levy capacity [2024-2004](#)
4. Budget Ordinance 24-077, authorizing an increase in road tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2025 [2024-2005](#)
5. Budget Ordinance 24-078, relating to property taxes, fixing the 2025 Conservation Futures Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and preserving future levy capacity [2024-2006](#)
6. Budget Ordinance 24-079, authorizing an increase in Conservation Futures Tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2025 [2024-2007](#)
7. Budget Motion 24-371, approving the 2025 Surface Water Management Annual Construction Program [2024-1922](#)
8. Budget Motion 24-372, approving the 2025 - 2030 Surface Water Management Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan [2024-1924](#)
9. Budget Ordinance 24-080, approving the 2025 Annual Construction Plan for County Transportation Improvements [2024-1997](#)
10. Budget Motion 24-373, adopting the 2025-2030 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program [2024-1948](#)
11. Budget Motion 24-374, approving the 2025 Solid Waste Management Division Annual Construction Program [2024-1957](#)
12. Budget Motion 24-375, approving the 2025 - 2030 Solid Waste Management Division Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan [2024-1959](#)

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| 13. | Budget Ordinance 24-081, relating to the Growth Management Act, adopting the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program as part of the Capital Facilities Plan | <u>2024-2082</u> |
| 14. | Ordinance 24-088, amending Snohomish County Code Chapter 30.66A - Park and Recreation Facility Impact Mitigation | <u>2024-1954</u> |
| 15. | Budget Ordinance 24-082, adopting the 2024-2029 Capital Facilities Plans for the Arlington No. 16, Edmonds No. 15, Everett No. 2, Granite Falls No. 332, Lake Stevens No. 4, Lakewood No. 306, Monroe No. 103, Mukilteo No. 6, Snohomish No. 201, and Sultan No. 311 School Districts, and the 2024-2030 Capital Facilities Plan for the Northshore No. 417 School District Pursuant to SCC 30.66C.020 and amending the School Impact Fee Schedule in SCC 30.66C.100 | <u>2024-1943</u> |
| 16. | Motion 24-417, approving the 2024 Housing and Behavioral Health Capital Fund Investment Plan and authorizing the Director of Human Services to execute necessary documents | <u>2024-2500</u> |
| 17. | Budget Motion 24-376, approving the 2025 Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Grant Work Plan | <u>2024-2023</u> |
| 18. | Budget Motion 24-377, approving the 2025 Snohomish County Health Department Grant Work Plan | <u>2024-2024</u> |
| 19. | Budget Motion 24-378, approving the 2025 Department of Human Services Grant Work Plan | <u>2024-2025</u> |
| 20. | Budget Motion 24-379, approving the 2025 Department of Conservation & Natural Resources - Office of Energy & Sustainability Grant Work Plan | <u>2024-2026</u> |
| 21. | Budget Motion 24-380, approving the 2025 Grant Work Plan for the Prosecuting Attorney | <u>2024-2027</u> |
| 22. | Budget Motion 24-381, approving the 2025 Grant Work Plan for the Sheriff's Office | <u>2024-2028</u> |
| 23. | Budget Motion 24-382, approving the 2025 Grant Work Plan for Superior Court | <u>2024-2029</u> |
| 24. | Budget Motion 24-383, approving the 2025 Department of Conservation & Natural Resources - Surface Water Management Grant Work Plan | <u>2024-2030</u> |
| 25. | Budget Motion 24-384, approving the Schedule of Rental Rates to be charged by Fleet Services Division in 2025 | <u>2024-2019</u> |
| 26. | Motion 24-421, establishing reimbursement allocations for Council Office travel expenses in the 2025-26 Biennial Budget pursuant to SCC 3.36.010 | <u>2024-2537</u> |
| 27. | Budget Ordinance 24-083, adopting the 2025-26 Biennial Budget and making appropriations for the Operation of County Agencies and Departments and Capital Improvements for the Biennium beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026 | <u>2024-2008</u> |
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ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 3:09 p.m.