



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, September 27, 2023 **9:00 AM** **Stillaguamish Room - First Floor**
Robert J. Drewel Building
& Remote Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Deb Bell, Council Staff
John Greninger, Public Works
Duane Emmons, Washington State DNR
Paul Jewell, Washington State Association of Counties
Heath Heikkila, American Forest Resource Council
Ryan Miller, Tulalip Tribes
Brel Froebe, Center for Responsible Forestry
Dan Chaplik, Sultan School District
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

**See names listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

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 in person and remote via Zoom.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Dunn

Councilmember Dunn led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Karen Crowley, League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, provided comments in support of preserving legacy forests.
- Jake Hambidge, Canyon Lumber Company, provided information about their company and noted concerns with timber harvesting restrictions and impacts on businesses.
- Erin Gagnon, DTG Recycle, provided comments in opposition of the solid waste service fee increase, as proposed in Motion 23-390.
- Michael Heminger, resident of Gold Bar, provided comments relating to the economy and electric vehicles.
- John Earl, Canyon Creek Cabinet Company, provided comments in opposition of the solid waste service fee increase, as proposed in Motion 23-390.
- Doug Cooper, Hampton Lumber, provided information about their company and noted concerns of timber harvesting regulations and impacts on businesses.
- Marjie Fields, resident of Edmonds, provided comments in support of protecting legacy forests.

E. Committee of the Whole**F. Resolutions****G. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion 23-388, approving Amendment 19 to Siemens Industry Inc. Agreement [2023-0959](#)
2. Motion 23-399, authorizing approval of Construction Change Order No. 9 for Meadowdale Beach Park and Estuary Restoration Project [2023-0982](#)
3. Motion 23-380, authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to execute a 2023 Work Plan/Financial Plan with USDA-APHIS Wildlife Services [2023-1004](#)
4. Motion 23-381, authorizing the County Executive to sign a consultant services agreement for investigation of Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) releases at Paine Field Airport [2023-1006](#)
5. Motion 23-400, authorizing the County Executive to execute Amendment No. 9 to the Professional Services Agreement with J.A. Brennan Associates, PLLC For Master Plan Update and Day-Use Improvements at Kayak Point Park [2023-1007](#)

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6. Motion 23-384, approving and authorizing the County Executive to execute Amendment 1 to the Master Services Agreement for Enterprise Services [2023-1013](#)
 7. Motion 23-383, confirming the appointment of Joan Penney to the Community Services Advisory Council [2023-1035](#)
 8. Motion 23-397, confirming the appointment of Shannon Atkins to the Snohomish County Council on Aging [2023-1061](#)
 9. Motion 23-398, confirming the reappointment of Dennis Wheeler to the Snohomish County Council on Aging [2023-1062](#)
 10. Motion 23-402, approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment 2 to the Software as a Service Agreement with Manatron, Inc. - Aumentum Technologies, for Aumentum Tax Assessment and Collection System [2023-1066](#)
 11. Motion 23-392, approving 2023 budget transfer from Nondepartmental to Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau related to achievement of revenue target and satisfaction of criterion to receive contingent authority [2023-1029](#)
 12. Motion 23-403, authorizing the County Executive to sign the Supplemental Agreement to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the county of Snohomish, Washington and the Public, Professional & Office-Clerical Employees and Drivers Local Union 763 (Representing Law Enforcement Support) [2023-1093](#)
 13. Motion 23-407, approving award of Workforce Project Funds [2023-1038](#)

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

H. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 23-415 approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on September 27, 2023 [2023-1158](#)
 - a. Setting a public hearing date on October 18, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
 - 1) Ordinance 23-092, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign an interlocal agreement for overlay improvements within Silver Lake Water and Sewer District [2023-1031](#)
 - 2) Ordinance 23-095, approving procedures for management and disposition of county owned vehicles, amending Chapter 4.46 SCC [2023-1054](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-415. 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**

- a. Motion 23-390, relating to operating rules and updates to the [2023-1051](#) Snohomish County Public Works Solid Waste Division Service Fee Schedule

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed increase for Residual Reclamation Waste processing fees from \$65 to \$85 per ton to offset rapidly increasing operational expenses.

Discussion ensued and John Gerninger, Solid Waste Operations Manager, responded to questions and provided additional information relating to the proposed fee increase, and if approved, would go into effect on January 1, 2024.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-390. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. **Committee of the Whole**

J. Other Business

1. Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Timber [2023-1165](#) Panel Discussion
 - Heath Heikkila, American Forest Resource Council
 - Brel Froebe, Center for Responsible Forestry
 - Dan Chaplik, Sultan School District
 - Ryan Miller, Tulalip Tribes
 - Paul Jewell, Washington State Association of Counties
 - Duane Emmons, Washington State DNR

Council Chair Mead opened the panel discussion relating to the DNR timber harvesting policies.

The following panelists presented information:

- Duane Emmons, Assistant Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands, DNR
- Paul Jewell, Senior Policy Director, Washington State Association of Counties
- Ryan Miller, Environmental Liaison, Tulalip Tribes
- Heath Heikkila, Government Affairs, American Forest Resource Council
- Brel Froebe, Interim Executive Director, Center for Responsible Forestry
- Dan Chaplik, Superintendent, Sultan School District

Discussion ensued following each panelist's presentation, as they addressed and responded to various questions relating to the carbon sequestration forest budget proviso, sustainable forest policy, State forestlands and trust lands management, trust beneficiaries, revenue sharing and distribution, legacy forest preservation and conservation, tribal access to trust lands, environmental concerns, economic impacts, and replacement lands for timber harvests.

Councilmembers thanked the panelists for their time and for providing detailed information at today's meeting.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

M. Adjourn

At 11:09 a.m. Council Chair Mead called for a short one-minute recess before reconvening the Council for the Public Hearings.