



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

Stephanie Wright, Council Chair
Megan Dunn, Council Vice-Chair
Councilmembers: Sam Low, Nate Nehring, Jared Mead

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council

A. Call to Order

Council Vice-Chair Dunn presided and 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. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember 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****G. Consent Agenda****H. Administrative Matters****I. Action on Items from Committee**

- 1. Finance and Economic Development**
- 2. Law and Justice/Human Services**
- 3. Operations**
- 4. Planning and Community Development**
- 5. Public Works**

1. Ordinance 21-037, approving and authorizing the vacation and abandonment of a portion of Shorts School Road, Snohomish County road right-of-way [2021-0416](#)

Deb Bell, Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

ACTION: Councilmember Mead made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 21-037 on Wednesday, July 28, 2021, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Council Chair Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

6. Committee of the Whole

1. Amended Ordinance 21-045, relating to Covid-19 Premium Pay for eligible Snohomish County Employees [2021-0477](#)

Ken Klein, Executive Director, explained the purpose of the proposed ordinance to provide hazard pay for County employees for the risks of working during the COVID-19 emergency. He also wanted to thank Human Resources and Finance staff in anticipation of the work to be expected in passing the proposed ordinance.

Brief discussion ensued as Mr. Klein responded to questions relating to the eligibility of employees.

ACTION: Councilmember Mead made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 21-045 on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Council Chair Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Other Business

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff, noted that the Council will convene into three Executive Sessions to discuss a matter relating to two pending litgations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) for an initial 25 minutes, with no anticipated action to follow. He noted that any extensions would be announced by the clerk to the public.

At 9:09 a.m., Council Vice-Chair Dunn recessed the Council into the remote Executive Session.

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: J. Cummings

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager
Adam Cornell, Prosecuting Attorney
Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Doug Morrill, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Steve Bladek, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Michelle Furrer
R. Omar Riojas

2. Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
DPAs: S. Bladdek & Doug Morrill

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Brian Haseleu, Budget & Systems Manager
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager
Rob Sprague, Chief Labor Contract Negotiator
Jeff Brand, Undersheriff
Adam Cornell, Prosecuting Attorney
Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Doug Morrill, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Steve Bladdek, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Michelle Furrer, Prosecuting Attorney's Office

3. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: G. Enns

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager
Kelly Snyder, Public Works Director
Doug McCormick, County Engineer
Kevin Kelly, Solid Waste Director
Adam Cornell, Prosecuting Attorney

Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Doug Morrill, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Geoff Enns, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Michelle Furrer, Prosecuting Attorney's Office

The Executive Sessions started at 9:09 a.m. for an initial 25 minutes.
At 9:34 a.m., an extension was announced for 10 minutes to 9:44 a.m.
At 9:44 a.m., an extension was announced for 10 minutes to 9:54 a.m.
At 9:54 a.m., an extension was announced for 5 minutes to 9:59 a.m.
At 9:59 a.m., an extension was announced for 2 minutes to 10:01 a.m.
The Executive Sessions ended at 10:01 a.m.

M. Adjourn

At 10:02 a.m., Council Vice-Chair Dunn reconvened the Council in the open public meeting and adjourned the Council for the day.