



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Vice-Chair Mead (*not present*)
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

A. Call to Order

Council Chair Dunn 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 four members were present.

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Nehring

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

1. Motion 22-554, approving Administrative Matters presented at Council General Legislative Session on December 28, 2022 [2022-1334](#)

- a. Setting a public hearing date on January 25, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
 - 1) Ordinance 22-069, relating to the 2022 Budget; making a supplemental appropriation in Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for rental assistance (ESG) [2022-1198](#)
 - 2) Ordinance 22-070, relating to the 2022 Budget; making a supplemental appropriation in Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for rental assistance (TERA) [2022-1199](#)
 - 3) Ordinance 22-072, making administrative changes regarding the allocation of revenues appropriated by the state legislature pursuant to the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Act (PSTAA) RCW 43.79.520 [2022-1256](#)

- b. Receiving and referring the following Open Space applications to Planning and Development Services for its recommendation:
 - 1) Open Space General Application #3243 - Lauren Heitmann [2022-1327](#)
 - 2) Open Space General Application #3244 - Steve Youngren [2022-1309](#)
 - 3) Open Space Farm and Agriculture-Conservation Application #3252 - William and Susan Fletcher [2022-1321](#)
 - 4) Open Space Farm and Agriculture-Conservation #3253 - Marjana Botting [2022-1317](#)

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Motion 22-554. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

I. Action on Items from Committee

1. **Finance and Economic Development**
2. **Law and Justice/Human Services**
3. **Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation**
4. **Planning and Community Development**
5. **Public Works and Infrastructure**

6. Committee of the Whole

Action Items a, b. and c., Motions 22-559, 22-560, and 22-561, were listed for assignment to Committee of the Whole for consideration and were discussed together.

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, provided a staff report for Motions 22-559, 22-560, and 22-561, related to the collective bargaining agreements with the Professional and Technical Employees Local 17. She said the term for all three is from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. There were no questions from councilmembers.

- a. Motion 22-559, authorizing the County Executive to sign the [2022-1329](#) 2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Snohomish County, Washington and Professional and Technical Employees Local 17 Representing Environmental Health Unit Employees

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Motion No. 22-559. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

- b. Motion 22-560, authorizing the County Executive to sign the [2022-1330](#) 2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Snohomish County, Washington and Professional and Technical Employees Local 17 representing Environmental Health Unit Supervisors

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Motion No. 22-560. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

- c. Motion 22-561, authorizing the County Executive to sign the [2022-1331](#) 2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Snohomish County, Washington and Professional and Technical Employees Local 17 representing Allied Professional Health Unit Employees

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Motion No. 22-561. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

Motion No. 22-562 was listed for and was assigned to Committee of the Whole for consideration.

- d. Motion 22-562, extending approved awards of Small Capital Project Partnership (SCPP) Grant [2022-1345](#)

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, provided a staff report.

Chair Dunn noted that typically the City would sign the agreement first and then the County would sign after. Ms. Beazizo responded and stated that due to the need to process for the 2022 calendar year, this is a deviation from the standard process.

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Motion No. 22-562. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

J. Other Business

1. Board of Natural Resources Member Selection [2022-1303](#)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, explained the need and the process for selecting a member for the Board of Natural Resources.

Ms. Beazizo said that WSAC held a candidate forum on December 14th to hear from the nominated candidates. Following that forum, a ballot was e-mailed to the councilmembers. The ballot contains three names: Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Lindsey Pollock.

After discussion amongst the present councilmembers. Councilmembers Low and Nehring expressed their support for Commissioner Janicki of Skagit County and Chair Dunn and Councilmember Peterson expressed their support for Commissioner Eisenhour of Jefferson County.

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion that the Council supports 50% for the two candidates and direct Ms. Beazizo to submit before the 5:00 p.m. deadline today [December 28, 2022]. Chair Dunn clarified that the Chair submits the ballot. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion.

Chair Dunn recapped the motion explaining it would support 50/50 vote split for Commissioners Janicki and Eisenhour for the Natural Resources member selection and direct the Chair to submit the ballot. The question was called for and the motion carried unanimously by the four members present.

2. Department of Health Response [2022-1335](#)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, explained that the County received notice from the Department of Health that a Substance Use Disorder Clinic would like to relocate to the city of Lynnwood. RCW requires that the Department of Health consult with the city and the county where the proposed clinic would be located. Discussion ensued and the consensus of the Council was to wait to submit the response to the Department of Health pending further outreach.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

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

At 9:12 a.m., Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, stated that the Council has a need for an Executive Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for an estimated time of 20 minutes, with possible action to follow.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead (*not present*)
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Jason Cummings, Prosecutor's Office
Joe Bennett, Special Counsel
Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Kelly Snyder, Public Works Director
Doug McCormick Public Works Deputy Director
Ashley Zacharia, Public Works
Polly Brooks, Public Works
Janice Fahning, Public Works
Michele Pescador, Public Works

The Executive Session began at 9:13 a.m. for an initial 20 minutes to 9:33 a.m.
At 9:33 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 9:38 a.m.
At 9:38 a.m., an extension was announced for two minutes to 9:40 a.m.
At 9:40 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 9:45 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:45 a.m. and Chair Dunn called the Council back to order.

(No Council action was taken as a result of the Executive Session)

M. Adjourn

There being no further business, Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day at 9:45 a.m.