



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

1:30 PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Wright called the public 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

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council

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

1. Ordinance 21-070, relating to the 2021 Budget; making a supplemental appropriation in Grant Control Fund 130 to provide expenditure authority for American Rescue Plan Act Funds

[2021-0740](#)

Council Chair Wright opened the hearing and the clerk read the ordinance title into the record.

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the proposed amendments.

Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director, along with Ken Klein and Lacey Harper, Executive Directors, responded to questions from Councilmembers relating to the proposed use of funds. In response to questions regarding housing and homeless services, Ms. Brell-Vujovic explained that the County will coordinate with the affected jurisdictions on any proposed acquisition of properties.

Council Chair Wright noted that the proposed Amendment 4 has been withdrawn.

Councilmember Nehring explained proposed Amendment 5, which encompasses the intent of both Amendments 1 and 1A.

Council Chair Wright opened the hearing for public testimony and provided instructions for remote participation in the Zoom meeting.

The following individuals provided public testimony:

- 1) Representative April Berg, resident of Mill Creek, testified in support of funding for Lake Stevens Food Bank.
- 2) Doug Warren, resident of Snohomish, testified in support of funding for the Lake Stevens Food Bank.
- 3) Mayor Brett Gailey, resident of Lake Stevens, testified in support of funding for the Lake Stevens Food Bank.
- 4) Mark Smith, Executive Director, Housing Consortium of Everett and Snohomish County, testified in opposition to proposed Amendment 2.
- 5) Sohpina Nunez, resident of Snohomish, testified in support of funding for the Lake Stevens Food Bank.
- 6) Stephanie Sherry, Director, Lake Stevens Food Bank, testified in support of funding for the Lake Stevens Food Bank.
- 7) John Spencer, resident of Lake Stevens, testified in support of funding for the Lake Stevens Food Bank.
- 8) Lisa Lefeber, Port of Everett CEO, testified in support of Ordinance 21-070 to assist with economic recovery.
- 9) Joyce Copley, resident of Lake Stevens, testified in support of funding for the Lake Stevens Food Bank.
- 10) Steve Corsi, President & CEO, Volunteers of America Western Washington, testified in support of funding for the Lake Stevens Food Bank.

There being no persons present wishing to provide public testimony, she closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendments and the guidelines for the use of ARPA funds.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-070. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion.

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Amendment 5. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Amendment 2. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it failed by two to three, with Council Chair Wright, Council Vice-Chair Dunn, and Councilmember Mead voting no.

Councilmember Nehring made a motion to approve Amendment 3. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The vote was called on the main motion and the clerk called the roll. The motion to approve Ordinance 21-070, as amended, carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

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

2. Ordinance 21-071, relating to the 2021 Annual Budget; revising the [2021-0743](#) 2021 FTE limitation; amending Amended Ordinance No. 20-075

Council Chair Wright opened the hearing and the clerk read the ordinance title into the record.

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

Council Chair Wright opened the hearing for public testimony and provided instructions for remote participation in the Zoom meeting. There being no persons present wishing to provide public testimony, she closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 21-071. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 21-071 carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

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

- 3. Motion 21-337, approving an increase in the number of employees authorized in the 2021 Annual Budget in the General Fund 002, Crime Victims/Witness Fund 118, Facility Services Fund 511, and Security Services Fund 513 [2021-0744](#)

Council Chair Wright opened the hearing and the clerk read the motion title into the record.

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

Council Chair Wright opened the hearing for public testimony and provided instructions for remote participation in the Zoom meeting. There being no persons present wishing to provide public testimony, she closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 21-337. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 2:22 p.m., Council Chair Wright recessed the Council until the 6:30 p.m. Public Hearings.