



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Josh Weiss, Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Annika Vaughn, Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Henry Amend, Eagle Scout Recipient
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

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 - Council Chair Mead

Council Chair Mead led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being no objections, Council Chair Mead took the agenda out of order to consider Resolution 23-009.

G. Resolutions

1. Resolution 23-009, recognizing Henry Amend on his achievement [2023-0185](#)
being an Eagle Scout Badge Recipient

Councilmember Low congratulated Henry Amend on achieving the Eagle Scout Badge and commended him on his work and leadership.

Henry Amend addressed the Council and expressed appreciation for the Resolution.

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Resolution 23-009. Council Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 9:05 a.m., Council Chair Mead called for a brief recess and reconvened at 9:07. The order of the agenda was resumed.

D. Special Reports

1. State Legislative Update - Gordon Thomas Honeywell [2023-0191](#)

Josh Weiss and Annika Vaughn, Gordon Thomas Honeywell, provided a state legislative report detailing the status of bills relating to behavioral health, public safety, housing, real estate excise tax, economic and workforce development, transportation, and the budget.

Discussion ensued as GTH staff, along with Lacey Harper, Executive Director, responded to questions.

E. Public Comments

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

F. Committee of the Whole

H. Consent Agenda

I. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 23-084, approving Administrative Matters Motion presented at General Legislative Session on February 22, 2023 [2023-0164](#)
 - a. Approving Bid Award Recommendation PW-23-003SB for Courthouse Renovation, New Courtroom 3D to Hi Mark Construction, in the amount of \$709,000.00 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax [2023-0136](#)
 - b. Approving Bid Award Recommendation for Bid PW-23-002SB for SR 524 Widening at Yew Way (Paradise Lake Rd to Maltby Rd) to Blue Mountain Construction Group for an estimated amount of \$389,599.76 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax [2023-0171](#)
 - c. Receiving the 3rd Quarter 2022 Contract Report from the Executive Office [2023-0138](#)
 - d. Approval of Council's Official Proceedings for January 2023 [2023-0134](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-084. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. 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

K. Other Business**L. Public Meetings/Hearings**

M. Executive Sessions

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into Executive Sessions pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss two matters relating to potential litigation for an initial 30 minutes. She indicated that there may be action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:35 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the Council into Executive Sessions.

1. Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Doug Morrill

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director (*remote*)
Doug McCormick, Public Works Deputy Director
Brian Beason, Public Works Staff (*remote*)
Diane Langston, Public Works Staff
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Steve Bladek, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Doug Morrill, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session #1 started at 9:35 a.m. and concluded at 9:37 a.m.

2. Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Steve Bladek

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring

Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director (*remote*)
Doug McCormick, Public Works Deputy Director
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Steve Bladdek, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Doug Morrill, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session #2 started at 9:37 and concluded at 9:53 a.m.

[Clerk Note: Councilmember Peterson left the meeting at 9:53 a.m., following the conclusion of the Executive Sessions. There were four members present at this time.]

At 10:05 a.m., Council Chair Mead reconvened the meeting and announced two Walk-On Oral Motions.

Walk-On Motions

ORAL MOTION

[2023-0215](#)

Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion that the Council hereby authorize and approve the Settlement Agreements in the amount of \$500,000 for each of the three plaintiffs in Brandi Lynn Castillo, et al. v. J.T. McKinney Co., Inc., et al., King County Superior Court Consolidated Cause No. 20-2-07273-7 SEA, as negotiated by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and to authorize the County Executive to execute the documents necessary to memorialize the agreements, in consultation with the Prosecuting Attorney. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

ORAL MOTION

[2023-0216](#)

Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to authorize the Snohomish County Executive or his designee to sign the settlement agreement reached and approved as to form by the Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$97,262.67 in Damage Claim R20-002153. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

N. Adjourn

At 10:07 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the meeting until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearings.