



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 **10:30 AM** **Stillaguamish Room - First Floor**
Robert J. Drewel Building
& Remote Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Mead 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 Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

1. Ordinance 23-074, relating to purchasing and contracting;
amending Chapter 3.04 Snohomish County Code

[2023-0805](#)

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

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed ordinance to amend the County's Purchasing Code to be in line with current State laws and industry best practices. He also explained Proposed Amendments 1 and 2 relating to amendment level of approval.

Discussion ensued as Ken Klein, Executive Director, responded to questions relating to contract transparency and working with the Department of Information Technology on ways to have the contracts viewable by the public. Mr. Martin also responded to questions relating to competitive bid contracts.

Councilmember Low suggested, and Council Vice-Chair Nehring agreed, that the public hearing be continued to next week to allow for additional time to review the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he noted that public testimony will remain open until the continuance of the public hearing, and called for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to continue Ordinance 23-074 to September 13, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

2. Ordinance 23-084, relating to the 2023 Budget; making a supplemental appropriation in General Fund 002 to provide expenditure authority for District Court Mental Health Court

[2023-0947](#)

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

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report explaining the proposed supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$162,648.67 from a grant from the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts to fund additional staffing and services for District Court's Mental Health Court.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-084. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-084 carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

3. Ordinance 23-073, approving the interagency agreement with Department of Ecology for the Pollution Prevention Assistance Program

[2023-0801](#)

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

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the scope of the proposed agreement for which the County will receive a total award of \$676,892.63 for Pollution Prevention Assistance Program specialists to provide technical assistance to help businesses find and resolve potential pollution issues. She noted that the duration of the contract is through June 30, 2025.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-073. Councilmember Low seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-073 carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

4. Ordinance 23-075, approving form agreement for Mobile Vaccination Site License [2023-0816](#)

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

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained that the ordinance approves a form agreement for mobile vaccination sites, with such agreements to be approved by Council motion.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-075. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-075 carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

5. Ordinance 23-077, approving the interagency agreement with Department of Ecology for the Solid Waste Management Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance [2023-0889](#)

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

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the scope of the proposed agreement to receive \$225,000 from the Department of Ecology for monitoring and enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to solid waste facilities within Snohomish County. She noted that the County is responsible for a 25% match of \$75,000 and the contract duration is from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-077. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-077 carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 10:45 a.m.