



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead (*remote*)
Councilmember Wright (*remote; left meeting at 9:54 a.m.*)
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Garry Clark, Economic Alliance Snohomish County
James Henderson, Executive's Office
Sheriff Adam Fortney, Snohomish County
Elena Lao, Asst. 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 all five 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**

1. Motion 22-273, reappointing Kathleen Wright of Monroe to the Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board [2022-0629](#)
2. Motion 22-272, reappointing Elaine Johannsen of Monroe to the Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board [2022-0632](#)
3. Motion 22-271, reappointing Judi Smith of Mountlake Terrace to the Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board [2022-0634](#)
4. Motion 22-270, appointing Ivan "Drew" Andrew of Monroe to the Evergreen State Fair Advisory Board [2022-0636](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

H. Administrative Matters**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**

J. Other Business

1. Economic Alliance Snohomish County (EASC) Economic Development Update - Garry Clark, CEO [2022-0630](#)

James Henderson, Chief Economic and Workforce Development, Executive's Office, provided introductory remarks relating to the EASC update.

Garry Clark, EASC President and Chief Executive Officer, presented a comprehensive update on EASC's growth development strategy as a catalyst for

economic vitality. He provided an overview of the six pillars of economic development: advocacy; business attraction; business retention and expansion; quality of life; small business and chamber; and workforce.

Discussion ensued as Mr. Clark and Mr. Henderson responded to questions from Councilmembers regarding support for new businesses, infrastructure improvements, tax and business incentives, permitting process, advocacy initiatives, concerns of businesses leaving Snohomish County, enhanced quality of life to support recruitment and retention, and revenue plans.

Councilmembers thanked the EASC, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Henderson for their efforts in strengthening economic development in Snohomish County.

2. Snohomish County Sheriff's Office Crime Statistics – Sheriff Adam Fortney [2022-0670](#)

Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney addressed the Council and explained the decision to discontinue the publication of the Sheriff's Office Annual Report. He explained that In 2019, in lieu of a publication, the Sheriff's Office released a video review of an annual report that has reached larger audiences than a printed report. He noted that the Sheriff's Office is working with the Department of Information Technology in launching an online dashboard, which is widely used by the law enforcement industry, for the public to extract and view crime statistics. Sheriff Fortney further explained that data from 2016 need to be updated for accuracy before the dashboard goes live for the public.

Councilmember Nehring indicated that the video review has been helpful and requested that the videos also be available on the proposed dashboard.

Council Chair Dunn thanked Sheriff Fortney for the Office of Professional Accountability reports and also requested that the information be available online.

Councilmember Low inquired about vacancies in the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Fortney explained the current vacancy status and the challenges of recruitment and retention.

Councilmembers thanked Sheriff Fortney for his report.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff, stated that pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), the Council will convene into Executive Session to discuss a matter relating to pending and potential litigation for an initial 10 minutes and extensions to be announced, as needed, with potential action to follow.

At 9:54 a.m., Council Chair Dunn recessed the Council into Executive Session.

[Clerk Note: Councilmember Wright left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.]

1. Pending and Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: A. Hart

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead (*remote*)
Councilmember Wright (*not present*)
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Geoffrey Thomas, 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*)
Tom Teigen, Conservation and Natural Resources Director (*remote*)
Gregg Farris, Surface Water Management Director (*remote*)
Janell Majewski, Surface Water Management (*remote*)
Steve Britsch, Surface Water Management (*remote*)
Jennifer Kieffer, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Intern
Laura Kisielius, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Alethea Hart, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9:54 a.m. for an initial ten minutes to 10:04 a.m.
At 10:04 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 10:09 a.m.
At 10:09 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 10:14 a.m.
The Executive Session ended at 10:10 a.m.

At 10:14 a.m., Council Chair Dunn reconvened the meeting with four members present and announced a Walk-On Oral Motion for consideration.

Walk-On Oral Motion

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to authorize the Snohomish County Executive and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, as appropriate, to execute the Monsanto Class Action Settlement Opt-Out Form and submit it no later than July 25, 2022, in the matter of City of Long Beach, et al versus Monsanto Company, et al, Case Number 2 16 cv 03493 FMA AS. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

M. Adjourn

At 10:15 a.m., Council Chair Dunn recessed the meeting until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.