



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor
Robert J. Drewel Building
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Kara Main-Hester, Office of Recovery and Resilience
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council
**See names listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

A. Call to Order

Chair Mead called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present.

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Low

Councilmember Low led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Tribal Land Acknowledgement

1. Tribal Land Acknowledgement [2022-0129](#)

Councilmember Dunn read the Tribal Land Acknowledgement into the record.

E. Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment in support of allocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for affordable housing:

- Donna Moulton, Housing Hope
- Mary Ann Dilllon, YWCA and resident of Snohomish County

F. Committee of the Whole**G. Resolutions****H. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion 24-266, referring a proposed ordinance revising accessory dwelling unit regulations to County departments and the Snohomish County Planning Commission. [2024-1363](#)
2. Motion 24-275, approving and authorizing the execution of the agreement between Snohomish County and Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC (Index) [2024-1402](#)
3. Motion 24-276, approving and authorizing the execution of the agreement between Snohomish County and Ziplly Fiber Northwest, LLC (Verlot) [2024-1401](#)
4. Motion 24-277, approving a child care facility agreement with Machinists Institute [2024-0811](#)
5. Motion 24-278, authorizing the County Executive to sign Amendment 10 to the Contract for Professional Services with AON [2024-1426](#)
6. Motion 24-256, approving contract with Jared Isaacson of Luat Su Son, P.S. to provide indigent services for the period from June 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 [2024-1250](#)
7. Motion 24-274, approving and authorizing the County Executive to execute a Grant Award from the Administrative Office of the Courts to support District Court's Mental Health Court - Mental Health Program Coordinator, Legal Process Assistant II, and Therapeutic Court Case Manager [2024-1391](#)

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

I. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 24-280, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on July 10, 2024 [2024-1452](#)
- a. Approval of Council's Official Proceedings for May 2024 [2024-1460](#)
- b. Receiving and referring the following Open Space applications to Planning and Development Services for recommendation:
 - 1) Open Space General application #3270 Rick and Cynthia Holloway [2024-1428](#)
 - 2) Open Space General Agricultural Conservation #3260 - Kristen and LeaAnne Oxborough [2024-1430](#)
 - 3) Open Space General Application #3292 - Robert Patton [2024-1468](#)
- c. Setting a public hearing date on August 14, 2024, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
 - 1) Ordinance 24-053, granting a non-exclusive franchise authorizing limited use of the public road rights-of-way in portions of Snohomish County, Washington to the city of Gold Bar [2024-1279](#)
 - 2) Ordinance 24-058, relating to Growth Management; revising provisions for Lot Size Averaging; amending Sections 30.23.210, 30.41A.240 and 30.41B.200 of and adding a new Section 30.23.215 to the Snohomish County Code [2024-1411](#)
 - 3) Ordinance 24-059, relating to Growth Management; increasing flexibility regarding location of parking; amending Section 30.26.020 of the Snohomish County Code [2024-1412](#)
 - 4) Ordinance 24-060, relating to Growth Management; reducing minimum lot size requirements in the LDMR and MR Zones; amending Section 30.23.032 of the Snohomish County Code [2024-1413](#)
 - 5) Ordinance 24-061, relating to Growth Management; facilitating attached single-family housing; adding a new Section 30.23.270 to and amending Sections 30.41A.240, 30.41B.200, and 30.91D.515 of the Snohomish County Code [2024-1414](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-280. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Action on Items from Committee**1. Community Safety and Justice****2. Finance, Budget and Administration**

- a. Motion 24-269, approving awards for Affordable Housing Preservation Program [2024-1353](#)

Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Kara Main-Hester, Office of Recovery and Resilience, responded to questions. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Low expressed concerns.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-269. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of four to one, with Councilmember Low opposing.

3. Health and Community Services**4. Planning and Community Development****5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation****6. Committee of the Whole**

- a. Motion 24-231, approving the Facilities and Fleet Department's Bridge Housing Operations and Maintenance Plan and releasing 2024 Adopted Budget funds to hire related 6 FTEs [2024-1085](#)

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Discussion ensued relating to the ECAF timeline for Council to consider legislation. Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, provided additional information relating to process.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-231. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- b. Motion 24-272, authorizing the County Executive to sign a Professional Services Agreement with OAC Services, Inc. for the Design Services, New Start Center of Everett as solicited by RFQ-24-002TB [2024-1242](#)

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-272. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- c. Motion 24-273, authorizing the County Executive to sign a Professional Services Agreement with OAC Services, Inc. for the Design Services, New Start Center of Edmonds as solicited by RFQ-24-001TB [2024-1243](#)

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-273. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K. Other Business

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, explained that Councilmember Low will be attending the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference next week and will be voting on the election of officers for the Executive Committee. Discussion followed and Council gave consensus for Councilmember Low to vote on the Council's behalf.

L. Public Meetings/Hearings

M. Executive Sessions

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into two Executive Sessions pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss a matter relating to pending litigation and RCW 42.30.140(4)(b) to discuss a matter relating to labor negotiations for an initial 15 minutes. She indicated that there is potential action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:22 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council into Executive Sessions.

Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Chris Huck, Outside Counsel

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
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Alessandra Szebenyi, Executive Office (*remote*)
Jason Beirmann, Executive Office (*remote*)
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Steven Bladek, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (*remote*)
Christopher Huck, Special Counsel (*remote*)

Executive Session #1 started at 9:22 a.m. with an initial 15 minutes to 9:37 a.m.
At 9:37 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:42 a.m.
Executive Session #1 ended at 9:40 a.m.

Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
DPA: Steve Bladek

PRESENT:

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Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Alessandra Szebenyi, Executive Office (*remote*)
Jason Beirmann, Executive Office (*remote*)
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Rob Sprague, Human Resources Deputy Director
Carla Freeman, Human Resources
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Steven Bladek, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (*remote*)

Executive Session #2 started at 9:40 a.m.

At 9:42 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:47 a.m.

At 9:47 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:52 a.m.

At 9:52 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 9:57 a.m.

Executive Session #2 ended at 9:56 a.m.

At 9:57 a.m., Chair Mead reconvened the meeting and announced a Walk-On Oral Motion.

Walk-On Oral Motion

Vice-Chair Nehring moved that the County Council authorize [2024-1732](#) the Prosecuting Attorney or designee to add the following four defendants to the pending multidistrict opioid litigation: Albertsons, Indivior Inc, Expressscripts, and Optum RX. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

N. Adjourn

At 9:57 a.m, Chair Mead recessed the Council until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.