



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

9:00 AM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

RESPONSE TO COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

Snohomish County Council held its meeting remotely via Zoom. Governor Inslee's Emergency Proclamations can be accessed at the County Council's Home page - <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/172/County-Council>.

PRESENT

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Office
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council

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

A. Call to Order

Council Chair Wright called the remote meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and provided Zoom instructions for those wishing to provide public comment.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilmember Nehring led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Tammi Brady, Snohomish County Teamsters Union, Local 38, spoke in support of hazard pay for grocery workers.

- Debbie Gath, read a statement from Nathan, a grocery worker at Safeway in unincorporated Snohomish County, in support of hazard pay for grocery workers.

E. Committee of the Whole**F. Resolutions**

1. Joint Resolution 21-027, recognizing June 19, 2021, as Juneteenth Independence Day in Snohomish County [2021-0395](#)

Councilmembers spoke in support of the Joint Resolution.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Joint Resolution 21-027. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda**H. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 21-217, approving Administrative Matters presented at Council General Legislative Session on June 9, 2021 [2021-0387](#)

a. Setting a public hearing date on July 14, 2021, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:

Ordinance 21-029, relating to the regulation of construction; adopting the 2018 edition of the International Mechanical Code as revised, the 2018 edition of the Washington State Energy Code as revised, the 2018 edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code as revised; and amending sections in chapters 30.51A, 30.52B, 30.52D and 30.52E SCC [2021-0177](#)

Ordinance 21-030, relating to the regulation of construction; adopting the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and International Residential Code, as revised; amending sections in chapters 30.50, 30.52A and 30.52F of the Snohomish County Code [2021-0268](#)

Ordinance 21-031, relating to the regulation of construction; adopting the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code as revised; adding and amending fees; and amending and adding sections in chapters 30.53A and 30.86 SCC [2021-0269](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to approve Motion 21-217. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

I. Action on Items from Committee

- 1. Finance and Economic Development**
- 2. Law and Justice/Human Services**
- 3. Operations**
- 4. Planning and Community Development**
- 5. Public Works**
- 6. Committee of the Whole**

NOTE: Items a. and b. were considered together.

- a.** Ordinance 21-034, relating to employment in unincorporated [2021-0386](#) Snohomish County; establishing labor standards requirements for additional compensation for grocery employees working in unincorporated Snohomish County; and establishing an effective date

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report for both Ordinance 21-034 and Ordinance 21-035.

Discussion ensued as Ken Klein, Executive Director, provided additional information and responded to questions relating to the proposed hazard pay for grocery workers only.

Councilmember Low raised concerns relating to economic impacts and questioned hazard pay for other frontliners and essential workers.

Councilmember Nehring noted that he plans to introduce a proposal to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to pay for hazard pay and not have private businesses shoulder the costs.

Council Vice-Chair Dunn suggested that the Council also consider sending letters to hospitals in support of hazard pay for healthcare workers.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 21-034 on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance 21-035, relating to the 2021 Budget; making a supplemental appropriation in Grant Control Fund 130 to provide expenditure authority for American Rescue Plan Act Funds [2021-0394](#)

[See notes above under Ordinance 21-034.]

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to schedule a public hearing to consider Ordinance 21-035 on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Other Business

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff, noted that the Council will convene into two remote Executive Sessions to discuss matters relating to real estate acquisition, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), and potential litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for an initial 15 minutes with no anticipated action to follow. He noted that any extensions would be announced by the clerk in the open Zoom meeting.

At 9:33 a.m., Council Chair Wright recessed the Council into the remote Executive Session.

1. Real Estate Acquisition
RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)
DPA: J. Cummings

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Josh Dugan, Executive Chief of Staff
Michael McCrary, Planning and Development Service Director
James Parker, Road Maintenance Director, Public Works
Steve Dickson, Engineering Division Director, Public Works
Randy Blair, Special Projects Manager, Public Works

Cherie Hutchins, Property Officer, Facilities and Fleet
Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Laura Kisielius, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Rebecca Guadamud, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The remote Executive Session started at 9:33 a.m. and ended at 9:38 a.m.

2. Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: L. Kisielius

PRESENT:

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Jim Martin, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Josh Dugan, Executive Chief of Staff
Michael McCrary, Planning and Development Service Director
Mitchell Brouse, Planner, Planning and Development Services
Steve Dickson, Engineering Division Director, Public Works
Jay Larson, Transportation Planning Coordinator, Public Works
Max Phan, Engineering Manager, Public Works
Jason Cummings, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Laura Kisielius, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The remote Executive Session started at 9:38 a.m.

At 9:48 a.m., the remote Executive Session was extended by 5 minutes to 9:53 a.m.

At 9:53 a.m., the remote Executive Session was extended by 10 minutes to 10:03 a.m.

At 10:03 a.m., the remote Executive Session was extended by 2 minutes to 10:05 a.m.

The remote Executive Session ended at 10:05 a.m.

M. Adjourn

At 10:07 a.m., Council Chair Wright reconvened the Council in the open public Zoom meeting and recessed the Council until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.