



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, October 25, 2021

6:00 PM

Remote Meeting via Zoom

The Snohomish County Council holds a public hearing on the Executive's Proposed 2022 Annual Budget consisting of the following actions:

PRESENT:

Council Chair Wright
Council Vice-Chair Dunn
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Mead
Geoffrey Thomas, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
**See names below for people who provided public testimony*

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wright called the hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and stated that all five members were present. The clerk read the agenda title into the record.

Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director, provided a high-level technical overview of the ECAFs, ordinances, and motions that comprise the 2022 Executive's recommended Budget.

Chair Wright provided instructions for those wishing to participate remotely. She then opened the hearing for public testimony. The following people provided public testimony opposing the proposed property tax increase:

Cynthia Sjoblom, resident of Snohomish County

Russ Armstrong, resident of the city of Mukilteo

John Kenneck, resident of the city of Marysville

Alana Gallagher, resident of the city of Lake Stevens

Dsell, resident of the city of Snohomish

Sherri Larkin, resident of South Snohomish County

Cheri, resident of Snohomish County

Sue, resident of Snohomish County, testified in opposition of the proposed property tax increase. She also provided testimony regarding the Sheriff's Budget and other items.

Steph Flemming, resident of the city of Edmonds

Pam Manley, resident of the city of Marysville

Pam, resident of the city of Monroe

Melissa Eller, resident of the city of Arlington

Janice Anderson, resident of the city of Granite Falls

Christie Arnold, resident of Snohomish County

[Councilmember Mead left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.]

Steve A, resident of Snohomish County

Sandra, resident of Snohomish County, inquired about a past tax increase and further testified about the proposed property tax increase.

Paul Breddiger, resident of the city of Marysville

There being no further persons wishing to testify, Chair Wright closed the testimony for the evening.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Dunn made a motion to continue the hearing to Tuesday, November 9th at 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Low seconded the motion.

Councilmember Nehring explained why he will be voting against the proposed property tax increase.

The question was called for and the motion to continue the hearing carried unanimously by the four members present.

There being no further business, Chair Wright adjourned the Council for the day at 6:55 p.m.

1. Budget Ordinance 21-082, relating to property taxes; fixing the 2022 General Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and preserving future levy capacity [2021-0754](#)
2. Budget Ordinance 21-083, authorizing an increase in general tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2022 [2021-0755](#)
3. Budget Ordinance 21-084, relating to property taxes; fixing the 2022 Road Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and preserving future levy capacity [2021-0756](#)
4. Budget Ordinance 21-085, authorizing an increase in Road Tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2022 [2021-0757](#)
5. Budget Ordinance 21-086, relating to property taxes, fixing the 2022 Conservation Futures Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and Preserving Future Levy Capacity [2021-0758](#)
6. Budget Ordinance 21-087, authorizing an increase in Conservation Futures Tax Revenues for property taxes collected in 2022 [2021-0759](#)
7. Budget Ordinance 21-088, relating to use of Real Estate Excise Taxes; Amending SCC 4.12.015 [2021-0723](#)
8. Budget Motion 21-357, approving the 2022 Surface Water Management Annual Construction Program [2021-0801](#)
9. Budget Motion 21-358, approving the 2022-2027 Surface Water Management Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan [2021-0803](#)
10. Budget Ordinance 21-089, approving the 2022 Annual Construction Plan for County Transportation Improvements [2021-0750](#)
11. Budget Motion 21-359, adopting the 2022-2027 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program [2021-0718](#)
12. Budget Motion 21-360, approving the 2022 Solid Waste Management Division Annual Construction Program [2021-0751](#)
13. Budget Motion 21-361, approving the 2022-2027 Solid Waste Management Division Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan [2021-0752](#)

14. Budget Ordinance 21-090, relating to the Growth Management Act, adopting the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program as part of the Snohomish County Capital Facilities Plan [2021-0738](#)
15. Budget Motion 21-362, approving the 2022 Department of Human Services Grant Work Plan [2021-0782](#)
16. Budget Motion 21-363, approving the 2022 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Surface Water Management Grant Work Plan [2021-0785](#)
17. Budget Motion 21-364, approving the 2022 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Grant Work Plan [2021-0789](#)
18. Budget Motion 21-365, approving the 2022 Sheriff's Office Grant Work Plan [2021-0787](#)
19. Budget Motion 21-366, approving the 2022 Prosecuting Attorney's Office Grant Work Plan [2021-0784](#)
20. Budget Motion 21-367, approving the 2022 Superior Court Grant Work Plan [2021-0786](#)
21. Budget Motion 21-368, approving the 2022 Department of Emergency Management Grant Work Plan [2021-0783](#)
22. Budget Motion 21-369, approving the schedule of rental rates to be charged by Fleet Services Division in 2022 [2021-0808](#)
23. Budget Ordinance 21-091, relating to county budgets and budget procedures, providing for annual budgets, removing authority to adopt a biennial budget for the period beginning January 1, 2023, and repealing SCC 4.26.017 [2021-0820](#)
24. Budget Ordinance 21-092, relating to management and exempt employees compensation plan; amending chapter 3.69 of the Snohomish County Code [2021-0822](#)
25. Budget Ordinance 21-093, adopting the 2022 Budget and making appropriations for the operation of county agencies and departments and capital improvements for the period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2022 [2021-0760](#)