



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 20, 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 (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council
**See name listed below of individual providing public testimony..*

- 1) Ordinance 23-078, relating to County businesses, requiring the acceptance of cash as payment for goods and/or services, adding a new Chapter 6.70 SCC, and providing an effective date

[2023-0905](#)

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 Code amendment requiring the acceptance of cash as payment for goods and/or services.

Discussion followed as Mr. Martin responded to questions relating to implementation, enforcement, outreach, process and fees for exemptions, effective date, and business impacts.

Councilmember Peterson requested for additional time to address questions and concerns, and suggested a continuance of the public hearing.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony and the following individual testified:

- Seth Cooper, resident of Marysville, provided testimony in support of proposed Ordinance 23-074 and expressed concerns on the proposed Amendment 1.

There being no other persons wishing to testify, Council Chair Mead 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 the public hearing for Ordinance 23-078 to September 27, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

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

- 2) Ordinance 23-082, related to the 2023 Budget; making a supplemental appropriation in General Fund 002 to provide expenditure authority for funds received from the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts [2023-0930](#)

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 on the proposed supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$160,000 for the reimbursement of

court ordered refunds for eligible persons seeking to vacate felony convictions or to be re-sentenced pursuant to the *State v. Blake* decision.

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 23-082. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-082 carried unanimously.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

- 3) Ordinance 23-081, approving agreement with Washington State Department of Health for Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System Data Sharing [2023-0927](#)

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

Cynthia Foley, Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed agreement for the County's Health Department to access the State Department of Health's Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System datasets.

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 23-081. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-081 carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 10:53 a.m.