



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn (*remote*)
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Senator John Lovick, 44th Legislative District
Dale Learn, Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Paul Hoover, Gordon Thomas Honeywell
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

A. Call to Order

Council Chair Mead 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 - Council Vice-Chair Nehring

Council Vice-Chair led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

At this juncture, before opening Public Comment, Council Chair Mead welcomed State Senator John Lovick, 44th Legislative District, to address the Council.

Senator John Lovick, 44th Legislative District, thanked the Council for their work in the community. He provided a brief update on the status of Senate Bill 5003, relating to increasing the number of district court judges in Snohomish County, as well as legislation relating to the Blake court decision. He also noted that the Council has two members in the Legislature who are outstanding representatives of their districts.

In response to Council Chair Mead's question, Senator Lovick provided additional information on the expansion of regional training centers for law enforcement.

Council Chair Mead opened Public Comment and there were no persons present wishing to speak.

E. Committee of the Whole

F. Resolutions

1. Resolution 23-006, recognizing February 2023 as Black History Month in Snohomish County [2023-0108](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 23-006. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 23-025, approving Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area 2023 Snohomish Running Company Marketing Campaign [2023-0064](#)
2. Motion 23-045, authorizing approval of the Snohomish County Strategic Tourism Plan Updated with Otak, Inc. [2023-0073](#)
3. Motion 23-023, approval of Public Official Bond [2023-0042](#)
4. Motion 23-010, approving 2023 Contract Amendment 9 with Puget Sound Energy for the Weatherization Program [2023-0006](#)
5. Motion 23-046, authorizing the Director of Conservation and Natural Resources to approve department initiated task assignments under the Public Works 2023-2025 On-Call Consultant Services Master Agreements [2023-0075](#)
6. Motion 23-011, appointing Douglas Shafer to the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board [2023-0005](#)
7. Motion 23-012, appointing Kevin Cronk to the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board [2023-0007](#)
8. Motion 23-013, appointing Carolyn 'Dode' Carlson to the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board [2023-0008](#)

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| 9. | Motion 23-014, appointing Nicholas Coelho to the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board | <u>2023-0009</u> |
| 10. | Motion 23-015, appointing David Green to the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board | <u>2023-0010</u> |
| 11. | Motion 23-016, appointing Stephen Heise to the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board | <u>2023-0011</u> |
| 12. | Motion 23-017, reappointing Kirahy Meyers to the Snohomish County Parks Advisory Board | <u>2023-0012</u> |
| 13. | Motion 23-021, approving 3rd Amendment to 2021 Contract for Special Services | <u>2023-0057</u> |
| 14. | Motion 23-026, approving Release and Indemnity Agreement for Transfer of Sheriff's Office K-9 Riggs | <u>2023-0066</u> |

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

H. Administrative Matters

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| 1. | Motion 23-056, approving Administrative Matters Motion presented at General Legislative Session on February 1, 2023 | <u>2023-0101</u> |
| a. | Setting a public hearing date on February 22, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following: | |
| 1) | Ordinance 23-003, related to County Budgets and Budget procedures; authorizing biennial Budgets; reenacting SCC 4.26.017 | <u>2023-0076</u> |
| 2) | Ordinance 23-005, relating to the Arts Commission duties, and composition; amending Chapter 2.95 Snohomish County Code | <u>2023-0063</u> |
| 3) | Ordinance 23-004, relating to the Snohomish County Flood Damage Reduction Grant Program; awarding the Snohomish County program funds and authorizing the Executive to execute Interlocal Agreements with grant recipients regarding the expenditure of grant funds | <u>2023-0013</u> |
| 4) | Ordinance 23-002, relating to the 2022 Budget; making an emergency appropriation in Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for rental assistance | <u>2023-0071</u> |

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-056. Councilmember Low 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. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation
4. Planning and Community Development
5. Public Works and Infrastructure
6. Committee of the Whole

J. Other Business

1. Federal Legislative Update - Paul Hoover and Dale Learn, Gordon Thomas Honeywell [2023-0110](#)

Dale Learn and Paul Hoover, Gordon Thomas Honeywell (GTH), provided a federal legislative update highlighting the following:

- Update on Washington's Congressional Delegation's committee assignments
- Federal funding and policy priorities
- Update on the Omnibus Appropriations Package
- Outlook for Congress in 2023
- Water Resources Development Act

Discussion followed as GTH representatives responded to questions relating to grant funding for County projects, as well as early learning and childcare investment.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings**L. Executive Session**

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss a matter relating to pending litigation for an initial 20 minutes. She indicated that there may be possible action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:24 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the Council into Executive Session.

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Geoff Enns

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Alessandra Durham, Executive Chief of Staff
Kelly Snyder, Public Works Director
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Margaret Duncan, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Geoff Enns, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9:24 a.m. with an initial 20 minutes to 9:44 a.m.
At 9:44 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 9:49 a.m.
The Executive Session ended at 9:47 a.m.

(No Council action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.)

M. Adjourn

At 9:49 a.m., Council Chair Mead reconvened the meeting and recessed the Council until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.