



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:00 PM

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

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Snohomish County Council holds a public hearing on the Executive's Proposed 2025-2026 Biennial Budget consisting of the following actions:

In addition, pursuant to the Snohomish County Charter Section 2.70, the Snohomish County Council, in conjunction with the County Executive, holds the BIENNIAL PUBLIC FORUM taking public testimony and comment on the operations of any county department.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Cheri Danner, Asst. Clerk of the Council
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
**See names below for persons providing public testimony*

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ACTION ITEMS

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 Executive's recommended 2025-2026 Biennial Budget. He confirmed clarifying questions from Vice-Chair Nehring regarding the three levy ordinances.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. The following people provided testimony:

- Ethan Pfahl, resident of the city of Granite Falls, spoke in support of project labor agreements
- Maribel Williams, resident of the city of Marysville, spoke in opposition of property tax levies.
- Chelsea Starkey, Northshore School District spoke to school district impact fees.
- Dri Ralph, Northshore School District, spoke to school district impact fees.
- Tom Laufmann, Snohomish School District and resident of the city of Snohomish, spoke to school impact fees
- Karen Mooseker, Mukilteo School District, spoke to school district impact fees.
- Denise Stiffarm, resident of the city of Seattle and Pacifica Law Group, spoke to school impact fees.
- Sam Hem, resident of the city of Everett, spoke in support of funding for apprenticeship program.
- Seth Newsome, resident of the city of Everett, spoke in support of project labor agreements.

- Annette Blandino, resident of the city of Arlington, spoke in opposition of increased taxes.
- Julie Anderson, resident of the city of Marysville, spoke in opposition of increased taxes.
- Dan Chaplik, Sultan School District and resident of the city of Sultan, spoke to school district impact fees
- Tiffany Rich, resident of the city of Snohomish, spoke in support of project labor agreements.
- Juan Cruz, resident of the city of Arlington, spoke in support of project labor agreements.

- Karl de Jong, resident of the city of Sedro Woolley, spoke in support of project labor agreements.
- Sandy Messenger, resident of the city of Monroe, spoke in opposition of increased property tax.
- Dave, resident of the city Everett, spoke in support of local laborers.

- Jenny Brown, Lake Stevens Precinct Committee Office, spoke in opposition of increased property taxes.
- Brian Lewis, Arlington Public Schools and resident of the city of Conway, spoke to Arlington School District impact fees.
- Jacqueline McGourty, resident of unincorporated Snohomish County, spoke to Northshore School District impact fees.
- Darcy Walker, Edmonds School District and resident of the city of Edmonds, spoke to school district impact fees.

There were no further persons wishing to provide testimony. Chair Mead left testimony open through the course of budget deliberations.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to continue the hearing to November 13, 2024, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

1. Budget Ordinance 24-074, relating to property taxes, fixing the 2025 General Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and preserving future levy capacity [2024-2002](#)
2. Budget Ordinance 24-075, authorizing an increase in general tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2025 and 2026 [2024-2003](#)
3. Budget Ordinance 24-076, relating to property taxes; fixing the 2025 Road Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and preserving future levy capacity [2024-2004](#)
4. Budget Ordinance 24-077, authorizing an increase in road tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2025 [2024-2005](#)
5. Budget Ordinance 24-078, relating to property taxes, fixing the 2025 Conservation Futures Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and preserving future levy capacity [2024-2006](#)
6. Budget Ordinance 24-079, authorizing an increase in Conservation Futures Tax revenues for property taxes collected in 2025 [2024-2007](#)
7. Budget Motion 24-371, approving the 2025 Surface Water Management Annual Construction Program [2024-1922](#)
8. Budget Motion 24-372, approving the 2025 - 2030 Surface Water Management Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan [2024-1924](#)
9. Budget Ordinance 24-080, approving the 2025 Annual Construction Plan for County Transportation Improvements [2024-1997](#)
10. Budget Motion 24-373, adopting the 2025-2030 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program [2024-1948](#)
11. Budget Motion 24-374, approving the 2025 Solid Waste Management Division Annual Construction Program [2024-1957](#)
12. Budget Motion 24-375, approving the 2025 - 2030 Solid Waste Management Division Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan [2024-1959](#)

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13. Budget Ordinance 24-081, relating to the Growth Management Act, adopting the 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Program as part of the Capital Facilities Plan [2024-2082](#)
 14. Budget Ordinance 24-082, adopting the 2024-2029 Capital Facilities Plans for the Arlington No. 16, Edmonds No. 15, Everett No. 2, Granite Falls No. 332, Lake Stevens No. 4, Lakewood No. 306, Monroe No. 103, Mukilteo No. 6, Snohomish No. 201, and Sultan No. 311 School Districts, and the 2024-2030 Capital Facilities Plan for the Northshore No. 417 School District Pursuant to SCC 30.66C.020 and amending the School Impact Fee Schedule in SCC 30.66C.100 [2024-1943](#)
 15. Budget Motion 24-376, approving the 2025 Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Grant Work Plan [2024-2023](#)
 16. Budget Motion 24-377, approving the 2025 Snohomish County Health Department Grant Work Plan [2024-2024](#)
 17. Budget Motion 24-378, approving the 2025 Department of Human Services Grant Work Plan [2024-2025](#)
 18. Budget Motion 24-379, approving the 2025 Department of Conservation & Natural Resources - Office of Energy & Sustainability Grant Work Plan [2024-2026](#)
 19. Budget Motion 24-380, approving the 2025 Grant Work Plan for the Prosecuting Attorney [2024-2027](#)
 20. Budget Motion 24-381, approving the 2025 Grant Work Plan for the Sheriff's Office [2024-2028](#)
 21. Budget Motion 24-382, approving the 2025 Grant Work Plan for Superior Court [2024-2029](#)
 22. Budget Motion 24-383, approving the 2025 Department of Conservation & Natural Resources - Surface Water Management Grant Work Plan [2024-2030](#)
 23. Budget Motion 24-384, approving the Schedule of Rental Rates to be charged by Fleet Services Division in 2025 [2024-2019](#)
 24. Budget Ordinance 24-083, adopting the 2025-26 Biennial Budget and making appropriations for the Operation of County Agencies and Departments and Capital Improvements for the Biennium beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026 [2024-2008](#)

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 7:00 p.m.