



# Snohomish County Council

## Public Hearings

## Meeting Minutes

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

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Wednesday, August 23, 2023

10:30 AM

Jackson Board Room  
& Remote Meeting

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### 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 four members were present.

### ACTION ITEMS

#### PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring (*not present*)  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)  
Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

1. Ordinance 23-076, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians for Wood Acquisition to Support Jim Creek Restoration Project [2023-0880](#)

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

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided an overview of the proposed agreement for the County to purchase wood material from the Stillaguamish Tribe at a cost of \$30,600.

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:** Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-076. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 23-076 carried unanimously by the four members present.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring (*not present*)  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)  
Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst  
Tom Teigen, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Director  
Sharon Swan, DCNR Parks Division Director  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

2. Ordinance 23-067, relating to sponsorships and licenses at County Parks and the Fair Park, amending Chapters 2.32 SCC and adding new Sections to Chapters 2.16 and 2.32 SCC [2023-0679](#)

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

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report explaining the proposed Code amendments to allow for licenses and sponsorship agreements for contributions to park properties and the Evergreen State Fairgrounds.

Councilmember Dunn requested a continuance of the public hearing as staff works on drafting an amendment to the ordinance to provide a monetary threshold amount for sponsorships that would require Council review and approval. She noted that the amendment will also include an annual reporting of sponsorships.

Tom Teigen, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Director, along with Sharon Swan, DCNR Parks Division Director, responded to questions and expressed support of the Councilmember Dunn's proposed amendment to the ordinance.

Discussion ensued relating to potential investors and sponsors, as well as public-private partnerships that align with the mission and vision for County Parks.

Councilmember Low noted support of the proposed amendment, provided that there are no impacts to the Evergreen Speedway activities and operations.

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:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to continue the public hearing for Ordinance 23-067 to August 30, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

*(Continued from Public Hearing on August 16, 2023.)*

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Council Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 10:44 a.m.