



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, January 4, 2023

9:00 AM

Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Adam Fortney, Snohomish County Sheriff
Elena, Asst. Clerk of the Council
**See name listed below of individual providing public comment.*

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 four members were present.

[Clerk Note: Councilmember Peterson entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m., and five members were present.]

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Council Chair Mead

Council Chair Mead led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Peterson entered the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

D. Public Comments

The following individual provided public comment:

Erick Miller, resident of city of Lynnwood, expressed concerns on proposed state legislation relating to gun control.

E. Committee of the Whole**F. Resolutions**

1. Resolution 23-001, recognizing January 9, 2023, as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day [2022-1319](#)

Sheriff Adam Fortney thanked the Council for introducing the Resolution in support of the men and women in law enforcement.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 23-001. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda**H. Administrative Matters**

1. Motion 23-001, approving Administrative Matters Motion presented at Council General Legislative Session on January 4, 2023 [2022-1367](#)
 - a. Receiving and referring the following Open Space applications to Planning and Development Services for its recommendation:
 - 1) Open Space General Application #3240 - Tulalip Tribes [2022-1341](#)
 - 2) Open Space Farm and Agriculture-Conservation Application #3246 - Theodore and Annette Haines [2022-1364](#)
 - 3) Open Space Farm and Agriculture-Conservation Application #3247 - Christine & Christopher Gildow [2022-1351](#)
 - 4) Open Space Farm and Agriculture-Conservation Application #3248 - Lorraine Glover [2022-1352](#)
 - 5) Open Space Farm and Agriculture-Conservation Application #3249 - Myron Friesen & Jennifer Swaim [2022-1353](#)
 - 6) Open Space General Application #3250 - Rhonda Moen [2022-1363](#)
 - 7) Open Space General Application #3251 - Craig and Lori Garretson [2022-1361](#)

- 8) Open Space Farm and Agriculture-Conservation Application #3254 - Patrick Mawet [2022-1362](#)
- 9) Open Space Farm and Agriculture-Conservation Application #3255 - Keith Ollom [2022-1359](#)
- 10) Open Space General Application #3256 -Paul and Lindsay Cocker [2022-1365](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-001. Councilmember Dunn 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

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

- 1. Motion 22-522, appointing Neil Pedersen to the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2022-1258](#)

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

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided background information on the nomination to the Planning Commission.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, she 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 Motion 22-522. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

L. Executive Session

Council Chair Mead announced a Walk-On Executive Session.

Walk-On Executive Session

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, explained that the Council received a request from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to convene into Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss a matter relating to potential litigation for an initial 15 minutes. She indicated that there is anticipated action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:11 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the Council into Executive Session.

Potential Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: J. Cummings

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low (*not present*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Adam Fortney, Snohomish County Sheriff
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9:11 a.m. with an initial 15 minutes to 9:26 a.m.
The Executive Session ended at 9:25 a.m.

[Clerk Note: Councilmember Low left the meeting at 9:11 a.m. There were four members present.]

At 9:26 a.m., Council Chair Mead reconvened the Council and announced a Walk-On Oral Motion.

Walk-On Oral Motion

ORAL MOTION

[2023-0035](#)

Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion directing the Prosecuting Attorney to join Pierce and King County in an Amicus filing in federal court for the true blood matter to protect the county's interest in civil commitments. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the four members present.

M. Adjourn

At 9:27 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the meeting until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.