



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Strom Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Heidi Beazizo, Council Staff
Josh Dugan, Executive Operations Officer
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council

**See names listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

A. Call to Order

Council Chair Dunn 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 - Councilmember Nehring

Councilmember Nehring led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment relating to the 2023 Budget, including concerns of staff shortage and case backlog in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office:

1. Nathan Sugg, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
2. Matt Hunter, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
3. Audrey Majkut, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
4. Taryn Jones, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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

1. Resolution 22-058, recognizing Monday, October 10, 2022, as [2022-1019](#)
Indigenous Peoples' Day in Snohomish County

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Resolution 22-058. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

- a. Motion 22-400, approving performance audit of Office of [2022-0894](#)
Public Defense and the Public Defender's Association

Heidi Beazizo, Interim Council Chief of Staff, provided a staff report and noted that approval of the motion would satisfy the Budget Condition for the release of funds for the Office of Public Defense.

Councilmember Low noted concerns and indicated that he would not support the motion.

Discussion ensued as Councilmembers commented on the proposed motion. Ms. Beazizo also responded to questions explaining the Budget Condition, timeline, and the effect of the motion.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Motion 22-400. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of four to one, with Councilmember Low opposing.

- b. Motion 22-408, removing certain uncollectible accounts from [2022-0997](#) the County's accounting records

Jim Martin, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and noted that the total amount of uncollectible accounts being removed from the system is \$61,384.94.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Motion 22-408. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Other Business

1. Health District Integration Update - Josh Dugan, Executive's Office [2022-1057](#)

Josh Dugan, Executive Operations Officer, provided a comprehensive overview of the proposed Public Health Integration Project. He provided information on the integration structure and substructure, guiding priorities, decision making, policy and advisory groups, management team, and current project updates.

Discussion ensued as Mr. Dugan, along with Lacey Harper and Ken Klein, Executive Directors, responded to Council's questions and concerns.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

M. Adjourn

At 9:45 a.m., Council Chair Dunn called for a short recess of the Council before reconvening for the Committee of the Whole Budget Deliberations - Department Presentations.