



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, May 3, 2023

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn (*remote*)
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Dan Hazen, Allen Creek Community Church
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, City of Lynnwood Councilmember
Maria Anakotta, Alzheimer's Association of Washington
Sheriff Adam Fortney, Snohomish Sheriff's Office
Deputy Lars Teigen, Snohomish Sheriff's Office
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
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

Councilmember Low led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

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

1. Resolution 23-015, recognizing May 2023 as National Water Safety Month in Snohomish County [2023-0410](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 23-015. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 23-016, recognizing May 4, 2023, as a Day of Prayer in Snohomish County [2023-0454](#)

Dan Hazen, Pastor, Allen Creek Community Church, thanked the Council and spoke in support of the resolution.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 23-016. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 23-020, recognizing May 5, 2023, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo in Snohomish County [2023-0495](#)

Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, City of Lynnwood Councilmember, and Maria Anakotta, Alzheimer's Association of Washington, thanked the Council for introducing the resolution in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. They provided background information on the importance of the holiday for Mexican and Mexican-American communities.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 23-020. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 9:15 a.m., Council Chair Mead called for a brief recess and reconvened at 9:19 a.m. The order of the agenda was resumed.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 23-145, cancelling uncollectible personal property taxes [2023-0356](#)
2. Motion 23-154, approving 4th amendment to 2021 contract for special services [2023-0409](#)
3. Motion 23-136, approving 2021-2022 Annual Reports for the Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Act (PSTAA) Interlocal Agreement(s) [2023-0362](#)
4. Motion 23-153, authorizing the Executive to sign a grant agreement with Latino Educational Training Institute to provide advancing health literacy to enhance equitable community responses to Covid-19 grant funding [2023-0411](#)
5. Motion 23-159, requesting performance metric report related to the efficacy of services provided at county-owned facilities [2023-0427](#)
6. Motion 23-165, approving the Snohomish County Urban County Consortium 2023 Annual Action Plan for HUD Housing and Community Development Programs [2023-0439](#)

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

1. Motion 23-177, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on May 3, 2023 [2023-0482](#)
 - a. Receiving Notice of Final Action - Adoption of Rule 23-01 Incidental Use [2023-0481](#)
 - b. Setting a public hearing date on May 24, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
 - 1) Ordinance 23-035, relating to revenue and finance; creating the Public Works Construction Fund and adding a new Chapter 4.130 to Title 4 SCC [2023-0392](#)
 - c. Setting a public hearing date on June 7, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
 - 1) Ordinance 23-038, approving agreement with Washington State Department of Social and Health Services for Refugee Health Screening Program [2023-0391](#)
 - 2) Ordinance 23-039, approving agreement for Health Officer Coverage between Whatcom County and Snohomish County [2023-0402](#)

- 3) Ordinance 23-040, approving and authorizing the execution of Amendment 1 to the Restated Joint County Authority BH-ASO Interlocal Operating Agreement of North Sound Behavioral Health-Administrative Services Organization, LLC

[2023-0408](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-177. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

I. Action on Items from Committee

1. Community Safety and Justice
2. Finance, Budget and Administration
3. Health and Community Services
4. Planning and Community Development
5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation
6. Committee of the Whole

J. Other Business

1. Ordinance 23-046, relating to use and possession of controlled or counterfeit substances or legend drugs; adding a new Chapter 10.49 SCC

[2023-0476](#)

(For discussion only - public hearing date has been previously set for May 17, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m.)

Council Chair Mead opened the discussion and welcomed Snohomish County Sheriff Adam Fortney and Prosecuting Attorney Jason Cummings to the table.

Prosecutor Cummings and Sheriff Fortney spoke in strong support of the proposed ordinance.

Lengthy discussion ensued as Prosecutor Cummings and Sheriff Fortney, along with Sheriff Deputy Lars Teigen, responded to questions relating to the merits of the proposed ordinance, the LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) Program and the Office of Neighborhoods, data collection, the need for additional staff, the growing use of fentanyl, and the urgency to have an ordinance in place by July 1, 2023.

Additional discussion followed regarding the timing and process of scheduling the public hearing.

Council Chair Mead noted that there will be multiple opportunities next week for additional discussion on the matter.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings

L. Executive Session

M. Adjourn

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