



Snohomish County Council

Administrative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

9:00 AM

Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Geoffrey Thomas, Former Chief of Staff
George Skiles, Performance Auditor
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
**See below for list of names 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 for both in-person and remote via Zoom.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Special Reports

- a. Resolution 23-004, recognizing Geoffrey Thomas for his service to [2023-0060](#)
Snohomish County

The clerk read the resolution title into the record. Councilmembers spoke to the resolution and expressed their appreciation for Geoffrey Thomas and his service to the County. Mr. Thomas provided comments and thanked the Council.

ACTION: Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Resolution No. 23-004. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D. Public Comment

The following people spoke in opposition of Motion 23-022, reappointing the Hearing Examiner.

- William Lider, resident of the city of Lynnwood
- Marjie Fields, resident of Snohomish County
- Katrina Stewart, resident of the city of Woodinville
- Linda Gray, resident of the city of Woodinville
- Cathleen Gustafson, resident of the city of Woodinville

The following people spoke in opposition of a proposed methadone clinic going into their neighborhood of the city of Lynnwood:

- Joe Hou, resident of the city of Lynnwood
- Julie Anderson, resident of the city of Lynnwood
- Vivian Dong, resident of the city of Lynnwood

E. Introduction and assignment of legislation to committees

All items assigned as listed below.

1. Finance and Economic Development

- a. Motion 23-023, approval of Public Official Bond [2023-0042](#)
- b. Motion 23-025, approving Snohomish County Tourism Promotion Area 2023 Snohomish Running Company Marketing Campaign [2023-0064](#)

2. Law and Justice/Human Services

- a. Ordinance 23-002, relating to the 2022 Budget; making an emergency appropriation in Fund 124 to provide expenditure authority for rental assistance [2023-0071](#)
- b. Motion 23-021, approving 3rd Amendment to 2021 Contract for Special Services [2023-0057](#)
- c. Motion 23-026, approving Release and Indemnity Agreement for Transfer of Sheriff's Office K-9 Riggs [2023-0066](#)
- d. Motion 23-027, approving contract with ABC Law Group to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0040](#)
- e. Motion 23-028, approving contract with Brice and Timm to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0044](#)

- f. Motion 23-029, approving contract with Tamara Davidov to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0047](#)
- g. Motion 23-030, approving contract with Natalya Forbes to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0048](#)
- h. Motion 23-031, approving contract with Karen Halverson to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0049](#)
- i. Motion 23-032, approving contract with James Herr to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0050](#)
- j. Motion 23-033, approving contract with Scott Lawrence to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0051](#)
- k. Motion 23-034, approving contract with Michele Shaw to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0053](#)
- l. Motion 23-035, approving contract with Jayson Thibodaux to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0054](#)
- m. Motion 23-036, approving contract with Mordekhova, Evgeniya to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0055](#)
- n. Motion 23-037, approving contract with Mazzone Law Firm to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0058](#)
- o. Motion 23-038, approving contract with Peter Connick to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0045](#)
- p. Motion 23-039, approving contract with Derek Conom to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0046](#)
- q. Motion 23-040, approving contract with John Rongerude to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0052](#)
- r. Motion 23-041, approving contract with Snohomish County Legal Services (SCLS) to provide indigent services for the period from January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 [2023-0069](#)

- s. Motion 23-042, approve and authorize the County Executive to sign the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (LIJA) Contract 23-3260i-081 with the Washington State Department of Commerce [2023-0041](#)

3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation

4. Planning and Community Development

- a. Motion 23-020, authorizing the County Executive to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Gold Bar and Snohomish County Concerning Building, Construction, Fire Plan Review, and Code Inspection Services [2023-0002](#)
- b. Motion 23-022, reappointing Peter B. Camp to the Office of Administrator of the Snohomish County Office of Hearings Administration [2023-0061](#)

5. Public Works and Infrastructure

6. Committee of the Whole

F. Clerk's Report on Pending Legislation - No Report

G. Reports of Council committees:

Committee Chairs announced upcoming committee meetings as listed on the agenda.

1. Finance and Economic Development

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.)

2. Law and Justice/Human Services

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.)

3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)

4. Planning and Community Development

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)

5. Public Works and Infrastructure

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.)

H. Reports of outside committees

Vice-Chair Nehring reported on Civic Education Day held last week.

I. Chairperson's Report

- a. Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics (January 5, 2023) [2023-0032](#)

J. Chief of Staff's Report

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, provided a summary report on the following items:

1. Draft State Legislative Policy Document for the 2023 Legislative Session will be discussed tomorrow at General Legislative Session
2. Committee structure options; can answer any questions for councilmembers and a wrap up discussion will be scheduled for next Tuesday at Administrative Session
3. Proposed calendar for summer and winter recess will be sent out to staff for dissemination to respective department contacts
4. Wrap up of Health Department integration is scheduled January 31
5. Council will be attending NACO week of February 13 so Council meetings will be cancelled for that week

K. Full Council Action on Items from COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**L. Other Business**

1. Motion 23-024, approving Administrative Matters Motion presented at General Legislative Session on January 18, 2023 [2023-0070](#)
 - a. Receiving 2023-2024 Elected Official Salary Schedule adopted by the 2022 Citizens' Commission on Salaries of Elected Officials [2023-0062](#)
2. 2023 Performance Audit Plan - George Skiles [2023-0017](#)

George Skiles, Performance Auditor, provided a presentation and spoke about the 2023 Audit Plan. He said this year they have selected to audit the Department of Human Services' Grant and Contract Management Practices.

Mr. Skiles responded to questions and concerns from Councilmember Dunn related to risk ranking and how the department was selected for audit, timelines, and if the review includes looking at if equity is included in community-based organizations.

Responding to Council, Ms. Beazizo explained the next steps to proceed and she looked to Council for direction.

Chair Mead turned to Council for discussion.

Councilmember Dunn explained that she is not comfortable supporting. Councilmembers Low and Nehring stated they are good with Human Services.

Councilmember Peterson said he understood Councilmember Dunn's concerns but doesn't know of other options and is trying to get to a solution on how to proceed. He commented further and said he has questions.

Brief discussion ensued. Councilmember Low suggested postponing one week so Councilmember Peterson could ask some questions.

Consensus of the Council was to wait one week to proceed.

M. Executive Session(s):

Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Bridget Casey & Steve Bladek

At 9:50 a.m., Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, stated that Council has a need for an Executive Session for pending litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for approximately 45 minutes, with no action to follow.

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
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Ken Klein, Executive's Office
Alessandra Durham, Executive's Office (*remote*)
Bridget Casey, Prosecutor's Office
Steve Bladek, Prosecutor's Office
Shelia Barker, Risk Management
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)

The Executive Session began at 9:51 a.m. for an initial 45 minutes to 10:36 a.m.
The Executive Session ended at 10:36 a.m.

(There was no Council action taken as a result of this Executive Session.)

N. Adjourn

At 10:36 a.m., Chair Mead reconvened the Council and then recessed the meeting until the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Meeting to begin immediately following.