



## **Snohomish County Council Public Hearings Meeting Minutes**

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

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**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**10:30 AM**

**Jackson Board Room - 8th Floor  
Robert J. Drewel Building  
& Remote Meeting**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mead called the Council to order at 10:30 a.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

1. Ordinance 24-034, granting a non-exclusive cable franchise authorizing limited use of the public road rights-of-way in Snohomish County, Washington to Ziply Fiber Northwest, LLC D/B/A Ziply Fiber

[2024-0395](#)

Chair Mead opened the public hearing.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-034. Councilmember Low seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 24-034 carried unanimously.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

2. Ordinance 24-037, granting a non-exclusive franchise authorizing limited use of the public road rights-of-way in portions of unincorporated Snohomish County, Washington to Sam Lake Improvement Association [2024-0683](#)

Chair Mead opened the public hearing.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-037. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 24-037 carried unanimously.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

3. Ordinance 24-036, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the city of Monroe and Snohomish County for joint operation of the Winter Dog Park [2024-0682](#)

Chair Mead opened the public hearing.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed the testimony portion of the hearing.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-036. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion. The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 24-036 carried unanimously.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson  
Deb Bell, Council Staff  
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

*\*See names listed below of individuals providing public testimony.*

4. Amended Ordinance 24-040, relating to construction projects - - Apprentice and Priority Hire Program; amending Chapter 3.05 SCC [2024-0946](#)

Chair Mead opened the public hearing.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained Proposed Amendments 1 and 2.

Councilmember Dunn spoke in support of the Ordinance and thanked Council and Executive staff, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and labor unions, for working together in drafting the legislation.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony.

The following individuals provided testimony in support of Ordinance 24-040:

- Paul Galovin, resident of Marysville
- Cameron Graves, resident of Edmonds
- Al Titus, resident of Edmonds
- Ethan Pfahl, resident of Granite Falls, Local 292
- Tiffany Rich, resident of Snohomish, Local 292
- Sam Hem, Sheet Metal Workers Local 66
- Fidencio Denis Velasco, resident of Everett
- Lisa Marx, Carpenters Local 425
- Adam Lambe, resident of Bellingham, Local 292
- Gregory Lerwick, resident of Everett

The following individual provided testimony in opposition to Ordinance 24-040:

- Lance Calloway, resident of Bellingham, Northern District Manager for Associated General Contractors of Washington

There being no further persons present wishing to testify, Chair Mead closed the testimony portion of the hearing.

Councilmembers thanked the public for testifying. Discussion followed.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-040. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Proposed Amendment 1. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Proposed Amendment 2. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The clerk called the roll and the motion to approve Ordinance 24-040, as amended, carried unanimously.

**PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead

Council Vice-Chair Nehring

Councilmember Low

Councilmember Dunn

Councilmember Peterson

Ryan Countryman, Council Staff

Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

\*See names listed below of individuals providing public testimony.

5. Ordinance 24-021, relating to Growth Management; concerning rural cluster subdivisions and short subdivisions; amending Chapters 30.25 and 30.41C of the Snohomish County Code

[2024-0321](#)

Chair Mead opened the public hearing.

Ryan Countryman, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and background information. He spoke about additional findings related to upcoming building codes included in Proposed Amendment 1 to the Substitute Ordinance.

Mr. Countryman spoke to a second substitute ordinance that he has prepared at the request of a councilmember. He explained it is outside of the scope and would need to be noticed if the Council would like to formally consider on another date.

Mr. Countryman responded to procedural questions from Councilmembers Mead and Dunn and brief discussion ensued.

Chair Mead open the hearing for public testimony and the following people provided testimony:

- Kristin Kelly, Snohomish County resident, FutureWise, provided testimony related to rural growth.
- Linda Gray, resident of unincorporated Snohomish County, spoke in opposition of the ordinance.
- Debra Wetzel, resident of unincorporated Snohomish County, spoke in opposition of the ordinance.

There being no further persons present wishing to testify, Chair Mead closed the testimony portion of the hearing.

Councilmember Peterson provided comments.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Peterson made a motion to move Proposed Substitute Ordinance 24-021 back to Planning and Community Development Committee. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 11:25 a.m.