



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

9:00 AM

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

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

**See names of individuals listed below under Public Comments and Resolutions.*

A. Call to Order

Chair Mead called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Mead

Chair Mead led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Barbara and Jeff Nowak

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

1. Resolution 24-023, recognizing May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Snohomish County [2024-0823](#)

The following individual provided comments in support of Resolution 24-023:

- Sam Sim, Greater Seattle Korean Association

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 24-023. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 24-024, recognizing May 2, 2024, as a National Day of Prayer in Snohomish County [2024-0824](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 24-024. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

3. Resolution 24-025, recognizing May 5, 2024, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo in Snohomish County [2024-0825](#)

The following individuals provided comments in support of Resolution 24-025:

- Julieta Altamirano Crosby, City of Lynnwood Councilmember
- Consul Gerardo Guiza, Mexican Consulate in Seattle
- Paola Pimienta, Washington State Charros Association
- Socorro Molina, Business Owner
- Jose Luis Gonzales, Journalist

Councilmember Low and Vice-Chair Nehring thanked everyone for attending today's meeting to speak in support of both Resolutions 24-023 and 24-025.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 24-025. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 24-026, honoring the employees of the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and designating May 5-11, 2024, as National Correctional Officers and Employees Week and May 12-18, 2024, as National Law Enforcement Officers week in Snohomish County [2024-0826](#)

Councilmember Low spoke in support of Resolution 24-026.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 24-026. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At 9:27 a.m., Chair Mead called for a brief recess. The meeting was reconvened at 9:38 a.m.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 24-163, approving a budget transfer in Grant Fund 130 for funds received from the Department of Treasury Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund [2024-0533](#)
2. Motion 24-179, authorizing the County Executive to sign the Amendment 1 for Interagency Agreement between Snohomish County and Administrative Office of the Courts [2024-0620](#)
3. Motion 24-182, authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Whatcom County [2024-0598](#)
4. Motion 24-183, authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Jefferson County [2024-0674](#)

ACTION: 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 24-195, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on May 1, 2024 [2024-0815](#)
 - a. Receiving and referring the following Open Space application to Planning and Development Services for recommendation:
 - 1) Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation Application #3259 - Andrew Loch [2024-0744](#)

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-195. Councilmember Dunn 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**

- a. Motion 24-157, referring proposed code amendments to revise regulations for Day Care Centers to the Department of Planning and Development Services and the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2024-0495](#)

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report. Discussion followed.

ACTION: Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-157. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

5. **Public Infrastructure and Conservation**
6. **Committee of the Whole**

J. Other Business**K. Public Meetings/Hearings**

1. Amended Motion 24-155, appointing Layla Bush to the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2024-0459](#)

Chair Mead opened the public hearing.

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and explained the need to amend the enactment clause to reflect the appointment for a partial first term.

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 Motion 24-155. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion.

Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to direct staff to replace "first full term" with "partial first term" in the enactment clause. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The vote was called and the motion to approve Motion 24-155, as amended, carried unanimously.

L. Executive Session

Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into three Executive Sessions pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss matters relating to pending litigation for an initial 20 minutes. She indicated that there is anticipated action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:48 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council into Executive Sessions.

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Jason Cummings & Bridget Casey

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low (*not present*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director (*remote*)
Jason Biermann, Executive's Office (*remote*)
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Christopher Huck, Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (*remote*)
Jason Cummings, Prosecuting Attorney
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Executive Session #1 started at 9:48 a.m. with an initial 20 minutes to 10:08 a.m.
Executive Session #1 ended at 9:54 a.m.

2. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Charlotte Comer

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director (*remote*)
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager (*remote*)
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Steve Bladek, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (*remote*)
Charlotte Comer, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Executive Session #2 started at 9:54 a.m.

At 10:08 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session ten minutes to 10:18 a.m.

At 10:18 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:23 a.m.

At 10:23 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:28 a.m.

Executive Session #2 ended at 10:28 a.m.

3. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
Special DPA: Kris Bundy

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Heidi Beazizo, Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cynthia Foley, Council Staff

Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)
Ken Klein, Executive Director
Lacey Harper, Executive Director (*remote*)
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Sheila Barker, Risk Manager (*remote*)
Bridget Casey, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
Kris Bundy, Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (*remote*)

Executive Session #3 started at 10:28 a.m.
At 10:28 a.m., the Chair extended the Executive Session five minutes to 10:33 a.m.
Executive Session #3 ended at 10:34 a.m.

At 10:36 a.m., Chair Mead reconvened the meeting and noted that Council will consider a Walk-On Oral Motion.

Walk-On Motion

ORAL MOTION

[2024-0882](#)

Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion that the County Council authorize the Prosecuting Attorney or designee to execute the necessary settlement agreements and documents to join the statewide Johnson and Johnson/Janssen Opioid Settlement Agreement. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M. Adjourn

At 10:37 a.m., Chair Mead called for a brief recess before convening the Public Hearings.