



# Snohomish County Council

## General Legislative Session

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Wednesday, January 3, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

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

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#### **PRESENT:**

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

*\*See name listed below of individual providing public comment under 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 - Council Chair Mead**

Chair Mead 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 24-001, recognizing January 9, 2024, as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in Snohomish County [2024-0001](#)

**ACTION:** Councilmember Low made a motion to approve Resolution 24-001. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 24-002, recognizing January 13, 2024, as Korean American Day in Snohomish County [2024-0002](#)

The following individual spoke in support of the resolution:

- Councilmember Jason Moon, City of Mukilteo

**ACTION:** Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 24-002. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

1. Motion 24-001, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on January 3, 2024 [2023-1508](#)
  - a. Receiving the 2023 Hearing Examiner Public Meeting Report [2023-1485](#)
  - b. Approval of Council's Official Proceedings for November 2023 [2023-1505](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 24-001. 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**

***NOTE: Items a. through d. were considered together.***

Ryan Countryman, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a combined staff report for the following four motions.

- a. Motion 23-539, referring proposed code amendments relating to Attached Single Family Housing to the department of Planning and Development Services and the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2023-1435](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-539. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- b. Motion 23-540, referring proposed code amendments to reduce the minimum lot sizes in LDMR and MR zoning to the department of Planning and Development Services and the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2023-1436](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-540. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- c. Motion 23-541, referring propose code revisions to increase flexibility regarding location of parking to the department of Planning and Development Services and the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2023-1437](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-541. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- d. Motion 23-542, referring proposed code amendments relating to lot size averaging to the department of Planning and Development Services and the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2023-1438](#)

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-542. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion.

Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Proposed Amendment 1. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The vote was called and the motion to approve Motion 23-542, as amended, carried unanimously.

**5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation**

**6. Committee of the Whole**

- a. Motion 23-566, approving and authorizing execution of the Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Smart Communications Holding, Inc. for Inmate Telecommunication Services [2023-1056](#)

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report and discussion ensued.

Councilmember Dunn requested continuance of the motion to allow the Sheriff's Office the opportunity to review the proposed contract.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to continue Motion 23-566 to General Legislative Session on January 10, 2023, for consideration. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**J. Other Business**

**K. Public Meetings/Hearings**

**L. Executive Session**

**M. Adjourn**

At 9:12 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearings.