



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

6:00 PM

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

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Snohomish County Council holds a public hearing on the Executive's Proposed 2024 Annual Budget consisting of the following actions:

PRESENT

Council Chair Mead
Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
**See names below of people who provided public testimony*

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Mead called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

ACTION ITEMS

The clerk read the agenda title into the record.

Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director, provided a high-level technical overview of the ECAFs, ordinances, and motions that comprise of the 2024 Executive's recommended Budget. There were no questions from councilmembers.

Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. The following people provided testimony:

Rod Reed, resident of the city of Marysville and President of 1811C, provided testimony in support of the Assessor's Office.

Tim Roff, resident of the city of Snohomish and member of Union 109E AFSCME, requested the Council to empower the Executive to negotiate a better contract.

Kelly K, resident of the city of Arlington and County Bridge Inspector, spoke about the job she does for the County and expressed her and her colleague's concerns.

Jan Treml, resident of city of Stanwood and Vice-President of Union 1811CA, spoke in support of the Auditor's Office.

Brad Wright, resident of the city of Everett, Surface Water Management (SWM), and member of AFSCME 109E, spoke in support of SWM.

Tyler Verda, resident of the city of Everett, Human Services, and President of AFSCME 1811CA, spoke about the work done in Human Services.

Jason Johnson, resident of the city of Marysville and employee of Public Works Department, spoke about his job in Traffic Operations and asked Council to honor the wage and compensation study.

[Councilmembers Low and Nehring left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.]

Greg Mackey, resident of the city of Granite Falls and employee of Solid Waste Department, spoke about his job and wages in Solid Waste.

Nancy LaJambe, resident of the city of Everett and employee of Human Services, spoke about her job and the services provided in Human Services.

There were no further persons present wishing to provide testimony. Chair Mead noted that testimony will remain open through the Budget process.

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to continue the hearing to November 8, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by the three members present.

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1. Budget Ordinance 23-113, relating to Property Taxes, Fixing the 2024 General Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and Preserving Future Levy Capacity [2023-1067](#)
 2. Budget Ordinance 23-114, authorizing an increase in General Tax Revenues for Property Taxes collected in 2024 [2023-1068](#)
 3. Budget Ordinance 23-115, relating to Property Taxes; Fixing the 2024 Road Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and Preserving Future Levy Capacity [2023-1069](#)
 4. Budget Ordinance 23-116, authorizing an increase in Road Tax Revenues for Property Taxes collected in 2024 [2023-1070](#)
 5. Budget Ordinance 23-117, relating to Property Taxes, Fixing the 2024 Conservation Futures Property Tax Levy for Snohomish County and Preserving Future Levy Capacity [2023-1071](#)
 6. Budget Ordinance 23-118, authorizing an increase in Conservation Futures Tax revenues for Property Taxed collected in 2024 [2023-1072](#)
 7. Budget Motion 23-423, approving the 2024 Surface Water Management Annual Construction Program [2023-1059](#)
 8. Budget Motion 23-424, approving the 2024 - 2029 Surface Water Management Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan [2023-1060](#)
 9. Budget Ordinance 23-119, approving the 2024 Annual Construction Plan for County Transportation Improvements [2023-1108](#)
 10. Budget Motion 23-425, adopting the 2024-2029 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program [2023-1074](#)
 11. Budget Motion 23-426, approving the 2024 Solid Waste Management Division Annual Construction Program [2023-1075](#)
 12. Budget Motion 23-427, approving the 2024 - 2029 Solid Waste Management Division Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan [2023-1076](#)
 13. Budget Ordinance 23-120, relating to the Growth Management Act, adopting the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Program as part of the Snohomish County Capital Facilities Plan [2023-1092](#)
 14. Budget Motion 23-428, approving the 2024 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Office of Energy & Sustainability (OES) Grant Work Plan [2023-1077](#)
 15. Budget Motion 23-429, approving the 2024 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Surface Water Management (SWM) Grant Work Plan [2023-1078](#)
 16. Budget Motion 23-430, approving the 2024 Department of Emergency Management Grant Work Plan [2023-1079](#)
 17. Budget Motion 23-431, approving the 2024 Snohomish County Health Department Grant Work Plan [2023-1080](#)
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18. Budget Motion 23-432, approving the 2024 Human Services Department Grant Work Plan [2023-1081](#)
19. Budget Motion 23-433, approving the 2024 Prosecuting Attorney's Office (PAO) Grant Work Plan [2023-1082](#)
20. Budget Motion 23-434, approving the 2024 Sheriff's Office Grant Work Plan [2023-1083](#)
21. Budget Motion 23-435, approving the 2024 Superior Court Grant Work Plan [2023-1084](#)
22. Budget Motion 23-436, approving the schedule of rental rates to be charged by Fleet Services Division in 2024 [2023-1087](#)
Attachments: [Proposed Substitute Motion 23-436](#)
23. Budget Ordinance 23-121, adopting the 2024 Budget and Making Appropriations for the Operation of County Agencies and Departments and Capital Improvements for the period beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024 [2023-1073](#)

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 6:30 p.m.