



Snohomish County Council

General Legislative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Elena Lao, Asst. Clerk of the Council

A. Call to Order

Council Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public comment in person and remote via Zoom.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance - Councilmember Low

Councilmember Low 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 22-068, recognizing December 10, 2022, as Human Rights Day [2022-1242](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Resolution 22-068. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 22-069, condemning antisemitism and reaffirming Snohomish County's commitment to nondiscrimination and human rights [2022-1257](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Resolution 22-069. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 22-511, approve and authorize the County Executive to execute a Software as a Service Agreement between Snohomish County and GovQA, LLC for the Public Records Management System [2022-1170](#)
2. Motion 22-432, approving the sale of tax title real property to the city of Mukilteo - parcel no. 28040900100100 [2022-1021](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

H. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 22-520, approving Administrative Matters presented at Council General Legislative Session on December 7, 2022 [2022-1243](#)
 - a. Receiving the 2nd Quarter 2022 Contract Report from the Executive Office [2022-1224](#)
 - b. Approving Bid Award Recommendation Bid PW-22-015SB for NCRTS Refuse Crane Replacement to the lowest responsible bidder, Award Construction, in the amount of \$478,000.00 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax [2022-1259](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Motion 22-520. Councilmember Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

I. Action on Items from Committee

1. Finance and Economic Development
2. Law and Justice/Human Services
3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation
4. Planning and Community Development
5. Public Works and Infrastructure
6. Committee of the Whole

- a. Motion 22-518, confirming the nomination of Dennis Worsham as the Health Department Director [2022-1248](#)

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, provided a staff report on the motion requesting confirmation of Dennis Worsham as the Director of the newly created Snohomish County Health Department. She noted that Mr. Worsham will be hired at a pay range of 115, step 15, with the anticipated start date of January 5, 2023.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Mead made a motion to approve Motion 22-518. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

J. Other Business**K. Public Meetings/Hearings****L. Executive Sessions**

Heidi Beazizo, Interim Council Chief of Staff, stated that the Council will convene into three Executive Sessions to discuss two matters relating to pending litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), and a matter relating to labor negotiations, pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), for approximately 45 minutes. She indicated that there may be potential action to follow and any necessary extensions would be announced.

At 9:06 a.m., Council Chair Dunn recessed the Council into Executive Sessions.

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPAs: L. Downs & J. Cummings

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cassie Fannin, Council Staff (*remote*)
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Josh Dugan, Executive Operations Officer (*remote*)
Undersheriff Ian Huri, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office
Lyndsey Downs, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney (*remote*)
Doug Morrill, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9:06 a.m. for an initial 45 minutes to 9:51 a.m.
The Executive Session ended at 9:14 a.m.

2. Labor Negotiations
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(b)
DPA: S. Bladek

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cassie Fannin, Council Staff (*remote*)
Eric Parks, Deputy Executive (*remote*)
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Josh Dugan, Executive Operations Officer (*remote*)
Alessandra Durham, Executive Chief of Staff (*remote*)
Nathan Kennedy, Finance Director (*remote*)
Brian Haseleu, Budget & Systems Manager (*remote*)
Rob Sprague, Human Resources Deputy Director
Doug Morrill, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9:14 a.m. and ended at 9:25 a.m.

3. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: G. Enns

PRESENT:

Council Chair Dunn
Council Vice-Chair Mead
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Nehring
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Interim Council Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Cassie Fannin, Council Staff (*remote*)
Lacey Harper, Executive Director
Josh Dugan, Executive Operations Officer (*remote*)
Undersheriff Ian Huri, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office (*remote*)
Ted Buck, Frey Buck P.S. (outside Counsel)
Evan Bariault, Frey Buck P.S. (outside Counsel)
Geoff Enns, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

The Executive Session started at 9:25 a.m.

At 9:51 a.m., an extension was announced for five minutes to 9:56 a.m.

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At 10:06 a.m., an extension was announced for four minutes to 10:10 a.m.

At 10:10 a.m., an extension was announced for three minutes to 10:13 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 10:13 a.m.

At 10:14 a.m., Council Chair Dunn reconvened the meeting and announced a walk-on motion.

Walk-On**ORAL MOTION**[2022-1299](#)

Pursuant to RCW 4.96.041(3) and SCC 2.90.085, Council Vice-Chair Mead moved to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to defend Sheriff Adam Fortney in the recall petition filed against him on November 28, 2022. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

M. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council Chair Dunn adjourned the Council for the day at 10:15 a.m.