



Snohomish County Council

Public Hearings

Meeting Minutes

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

10:30 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Mead called the public hearing to order at 10:30 a.m. and provided instructions for those wishing to provide public testimony in person and remote via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

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

Council Chair Mead explained that Ordinance 23-046 (Agenda Item #5) was drafted following the conclusion of the regular 2023 Legislative Session. He noted that a Special Legislative Session was held on May 16, 2023, and the Legislature passed 2E2SSB 5536, preempting Ordinance 23-046. As a result, the Council will not take action on Ordinance 23-046, however, the public will still have the opportunity to provide testimony.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Items #1 though #3 were heard together:

PRESENT:

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

1. Motion 23-167, authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to commence [2023-0458](#) condemnation proceedings for 84th St NE / 163rd Ave NE

- Intersection Improvements - RC 1758 / UPI #20-0005 - Parcel 004 (Jansen)
2. Motion 23-169, authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to commence condemnation proceedings for 36th / 35th Ave. W (164th St. SW to SR 99) - RC 1491 / UPI #06-0014 - Parcel 006 (Phillips) [2023-0460](#)
 3. Motion 23-168, authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to commence condemnation proceedings for 84th St NE / 163rd Ave NE Intersection Improvements - RC 1758 / UPI #20-0005 - Parcel 005 (Morgan Trust) [2023-0459](#)

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the motion titles into the record.

Deb Bell, Senior Legislative Analyst, informed the Council that the acquisition of the three subject properties have been resolved and there is no need for Council to act on the proposed motions.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he closed public testimony and noted that since no Council action is required, Motions 23-167, 23-168, and 23-169 will lapse.

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

4. Ordinance 23-015, amending sections 2.03.010, 2.03.020, 2.300.090, 2.300.100, 2.300.110, 2.300.120, 2.300.130, 2.300.150, 2.300.160 of Snohomish County Code; and repealing sections 2.300.170, 2.300.180 and 2.300.190 of Snohomish County Code [2023-0183](#)

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the ordinance title into the record.

Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst, noted the need for additional time to work on further amendments and requested a continuance of the public hearing to May 24, 2023.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony. There being no persons present wishing to testify, he noted that public testimony will remain open until the continuance of the public hearing, and called for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to continue the public hearing for Ordinance 23-015 to May 24, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Dunn seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

(Continued from April 26, 2023 Public Hearing.)

PRESENT:

Council Chair Mead
Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Councilmember Low
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson
Nicole Gorle, Senior Legislative Analyst
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council

5. Ordinance 23-046, relating to use and possession of controlled or counterfeit substances or legend drugs; adding a new Chapter 10.49 SCC [2023-0476](#)

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing and the clerk read the ordinance title into the record.

Council Chair Mead reiterated his announcement at the start of the hearing and explained that since the Legislature passed 2E2SSB 5536 at a Special Legislative Session on May 16, 2023, the Council's proposed Ordinance 23-046 is no longer necessary. He proposed that Ordinance 23-046 be withdrawn from consideration.

Council Chair Mead opened the hearing for public testimony and the following individuals testified on the need to address the growing problem of drug-use and drug-related crimes:

- Julie Anderson, resident of Marysville
- Kurt Hanke, resident of Everett
- Michele Hovik, resident of Everett
- Duane Fisher, resident of Marysville
- Saffron C., resident of Lake Stevens
- Kelly, resident of Arlington

There being no other persons wishing to testify, Council Chair Mead closed the testimony portion of the hearing calling for a motion or discussion of the Council.

Discussion followed as Councilmembers expressed appreciation for the bipartisan action taken by the Legislature to address the Blake decision. They also thanked staff for their work on the proposed ordinance. Councilmembers

noted the need to continue to work to address the drug problem and by providing services to help people off the streets and into treatment.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to withdraw Ordinance 23-046. Councilmember Low seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Council Chair Mead adjourned the Council for the day at 10:58 a.m.