



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, October 4, 2023

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 (*remote*)
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Brian Haseleu, Finance
Elena Lao, Deputy Clerk of the Council
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council
**See names listed below of individuals providing public comment.*

A. Call to Order

Council Chair Mead 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

Council Chair Mead led the assembly with the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Public Comments

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Linda Hjelle, resident of Granite Falls, League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, provided comments in support of preserving legacy forests in the fight against climate change.
- Gayle Leberg, resident of unincorporated Snohomish County, provided comments relating to mature forests and the need for a comprehensive plan to find replacement land before harvesting mature trees.
- Nancy Johnson, resident of Edmonds, provided comments in support of preserving mature forests and protecting endangered species.
- Kate Lunceford, resident of Bothell, League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, spoke in support of protecting legacy forests and the need to find replacement lands and opportunities to fight the climate crisis.
- Clara Hsu, resident of Edmonds, League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, provided comments in support of saving mature and working forests, which store carbon to help mitigate climate change.
- Karen Crowley, resident of Snohomish, League of Women Voters of Snohomish County, spoke about state legislation that provides tools for counties to find replacement lands and preserve mature forests.
- Brel Froebe, Center for Responsible Forestry, provided comments relating to state legislation to allow counties to enter into agreements for revenue sharing from the sale of timbers. He also spoke about a report of possible replacement parcels that he would provide to the Council.
- Mark Rhode, resident of Snohomish, provided comments in support of preserving mature forests and the importance of carbon sequestration.

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

1. Resolution 23-036, recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

[2023-1163](#)

The clerk read the resolution title into the record.

Council Chair Mead opened for public comment, and the following individual spoke to the Resolution:

- Debra Bordsen, Chief Executive Officer, Domestic Violence Services (DVS) of Snohomish County, thanked the Council and Executive for supporting the fight against domestic violence. She thanked Councilmember Dunn for participating in the upcoming Domestic Violence Awareness Fashion Show on October 5, 2023.

There being no other persons present wishing to provide public comment, Council Chair Mead called for a motion or discussion of the Council.

Councilmember Dunn spoke in support of the Resolution and the work of DVS.

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to approve Resolution 23-036. Council Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2. Resolution 23-038, recognizing Monday, October 9, 2023, as [2023-1197](#)
Indigenous Peoples' Day in Snohomish County

The clerk read the resolution title into the record. Council Chair Mead opened for public comment, and there being no persons present wishing to speak on the resolution, called for a motion or discussion of the Council.

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Resolution 23-038. Councilmember Peterson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Consent Agenda

1. Motion 23-394, approving a contract with Universal Language Service, Inc. for on call interpreting and translating services for Snohomish County [2023-0969](#)
2. Motion 23-408, approving Amendment 1 to Agreement with Second Chance Foundation [2023-1134](#)
3. Motion 23-396, authorizing approval of contract with Stuart Andrews, MD and Snohomish County to provide Corrections physician services [2023-1057](#)
4. Motion 23-413, approving Amendment 1 to the contract for security personnel services: Universal Protection Service d/b/a Allied Universal Security Services [2023-1136](#)
5. Motion 23-418, approving the 2023-2026 Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and Everett Public Schools relating to school resource officer services [2023-1162](#)

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

H. Administrative Matters

1. Motion 23-439 approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on October 4, 2023 [2023-1180](#)
 - a. Setting a public hearing date on October 25, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
 - 1) Ordinance 23-094, modifying vacation leave accruals for classified employees and amending SCC 3A.06.050 [2023-1053](#)
 - 2) Ordinance 23-091, approving agreement with Washington State Department of Health for the sharing of opioid overdose data [2023-1034](#)
 - 3) Ordinance 23-093, approving Amendment No. 16 to consolidated contract with Washington State Department of Health and providing authority for future amendments regarding Covid-19 LHJ Gap Funding, Executive Office of Resiliency & Health Security - WFD LHJ, Office of Immunization - FSU Ukrainian Community Outreach Resource Center, Office of Immunization - Ukrainian Outreach Support [2023-1024](#)
 - b. Approving Piggyback Award Recommendation for the use of a “piggyback” competitive bid 113021 for Firefighting Apparatus and Fire Service Vehicles issued and awarded by Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit [2023-1177](#)

ACTION: Council Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to approve Motion 23-439. 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**
5. **Public Infrastructure and Conservation**
6. **Committee of the Whole**

J. Other Business

1. Report on Revenues - Jim Martin, Council Staff, and Brian Haseleu, Finance [2023-1186](#)

Jim Martin, Sr. Legislative Analyst, along with Brian Haseleu, Budget and Systems Manager, provided a report on the 2023 and 2024 revenue projections. Mr. Martin displayed the revenue report and spoke to significant changes in the main categories. *(see link 2023-1186 to view report)*

Mr. Martin and Mr. Haseleu responded to questions from Councilmember Low related to the Gambling Fees Tax, Property Tax and Other Penalties, and Superior Court and District Court Fees.

Councilmember Dunn inquired about the Investment Interest under Miscellaneous Revenues and Mr. Haseleu responded to Councilmember Low's follow-up questions. Discussion ensued.

K. Public Meetings/Hearings**L. Executive Session****M. Adjourn**

At 9:41 a.m., Council Chair Mead recessed the meeting until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearings.