



Snohomish County Council

Administrative Session

Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

9:00 AM

**Jackson Board Room
& Remote Meeting**

PRESENT:

Presiding Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Council Chair Mead (*remote*)
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Kara Main-Hester, Office of Recovery and Resilience
Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director
James Henderson, Chief of Economic and Workforce Development Initiatives
Nicole Thomsen, Health District
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

**See below for names of people who provided public comment*

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

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

C. Special Reports

1. Workforce and Economic Development
Office of Recovery and Resilience

[2023-0200](#)

Kara Main-Hester, Office of Recovery and Resilience, Mary Jane Brell-Vujovic, Human Services Director, and James Henderson, Chief of Economic and Workforce Development Initiatives, introduced themselves.

A detailed presentation related to a workforce spending plan was provided. Various questions throughout the presentation were responded to and discussion ensued related to employment training and opportunities, challenges, and next steps.

Ms. Main-Hester and Ms. Brell-Vujovic responded to final questions.

D. Public Comment

Shelly Shwiegert, resident of the city of Arlington, provided comments related to the workforce and economic discussion and the Community Transit vaccine policy.

Debra Papenthien, resident of the city of Marysville, provided comment related to the Community Transit vaccine policy.

Vivian Dong, resident of the city of Lynnwood, provided comment related to concerns and representation in District 3.

Jacob Fullen, resident of Snohomish County, provided comments related to homeless hotels.

Janelle Fullen, resident of unincorporated Snohomish County, provided comment related to the legality of drug use Snohomish County.

Michelle Meyer, resident of city of Lynnwood, provided public comment related to the legality of drug use in Snohomish County.

Vice-Chair Nehring noted that he had an opportunity to meet with Community Transit CEO Ilgenfritz and he will be attending the meeting on March 8th to provide an update.

E. Introduction and Assignment of Legislation to Committees

All items assigned as listed below.

1. Finance and Economic Development

- a. Motion 23-088, authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign contract amendments with Joyce Ziker Partners, PLLC to reflect merger with Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson, P.S. for legal services for the Snohomish County Airport [2023-0149](#)

- b. Motion 23-089, authorizing the County Executive to sign a contract for professional services for tax payment processing with Retail Lockbox Inc. [2023-0092](#)
- 2. **Law and Justice/Human Services**
- 3. **Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation**
- 4. **Planning and Community Development**
 - a. Motion 23-091, confirming the appointment of Angie Sievers to the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2023-0211](#)
- 5. **Public Works and Infrastructure**
- 6. **Committee of the Whole**
 - a. 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](#)

Nicole Gorle, Sr, Legislative Analyst, explained that this ordinance would amend various aspects of the Health Department Code. She said this ordinance just arrived last night and she should have a staff report completed by the end of the week.

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to set time and date for public hearing for March 15, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Vice-Chair Nehring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Gorle provided a staff report for the following four items, 6b through 6e.

Councilmember Dunn explained that she is not comfortable voting on the appointments today since they were just submitted to Council yesterday afternoon. Responding to Councilmember Dunn, Ms. Gorle explained that these could be moved to tomorrow for consideration and still meet deadlines for the Board's March 24th meeting.

Nicole Thomsen, Health Department, responded to Councilmember Dunn's questions and explained that the appointee Janet Anderberg qualifies as the environmental health member. She also spoke to the appointments of alternates and said they would happen after the effective date of the ordinance.

ACTION: Councilmember Dunn made a motion to move (all motions) items b through e to March 1st to General Legislative Session. Chair Mead seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- b. Motion 23-093, appointing Lisa George to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2023-0186](#)
- c. Motion 23-094, appointing Desmond Skubi to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2023-0188](#)
- d. Motion 23-095, appointing Julie Smith to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2023-0189](#)
- e. Motion 23-096, appointing Janet Anderberg to the Snohomish County Board of Health [2023-0184](#)

F. Clerk's Report on Pending Legislation - No Report

G. Reports of Council Committees:

Committee Chairs announced upcoming committee meetings as listed on the agenda.

1. Finance and Economic Development

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.)

2. Law and Justice/Human Services

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.)

3. Conservation, Sustainability and Recreation

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)

4. Planning and Community Development

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)

5. Public Works and Infrastructure

(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.)

H. Reports of Outside Committees

I. Chairperson's Report

- 1. Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics Feb. 23, 2023 [2023-0204](#)

J. Chief of Staff's Report

Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, provided a brief update on the following items:

- 1. Class Comp Study
- 2. Vacant Council Analyst Position

K. Full Council Action on Items from Committee of the Whole

See above Introduction and assignment of legislation to committees under Committee of the Whole for actions taken.

L. Other Business

1. Motion 23-090, approving Administrative Matters Motion presented [2023-0206](#)
at General Legislative Session on March 1, 2023
 - a. Receiving the Snohomish County Emergency Management [2023-0172](#)
2022 Annual Report

M. Executive Session(s):

1. Pending Litigation
Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
DPA: Katherine Bosch

At 10:02 a.m., Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff, stated that Council has a need for an Executive Session for Pending Litigation, pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for approximately five minutes, with possible action to follow.

PRESENT:

Presiding Council Vice-Chair Nehring
Council Chair Mead (*remote*)
Councilmember Low (*remote*)
Councilmember Dunn
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff
Jim Martin, Council Staff
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff
Deb Bell, Council Staff
Ryan Countryman, Council Staff
Darcy Cheesman, Council Staff
Bridget Casey, Prosecutor's Office
Katherine Bosch, Prosecutor's Office
Ian Huri, Sheriff's Office (*remote*)
Sheila Barker, Risk Management
Jill Ford, Council Staff (*remote*)

The Executive Session began at 10:03 a.m. for an initial five minutes to 10:08 a.m.

The Executive Session ended at 10:08 a.m.

(There was no Council action taken as a result of this Executive Session.)

N. Adjourn

At 10:08 a.m. Vice-Chair Nehring called the Council back to order and immediately recessed the meeting until 10:10 a.m. for the Finance and Economic Development Meeting.