



# Snohomish County Council

## Administrative Session

### Meeting Minutes

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

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**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**Jackson Board Room  
& Remote Meeting**

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#### **PRESENT:**

Council Chair Mead  
Council Vice-Chair Nehring  
Councilmember Low (*remote*)  
Councilmember Dunn  
Councilmember Peterson (*remote*)  
Heidi Beazizo, Chief of Staff  
Nicole Gorle, Council Staff  
Debbie Eco, Clerk of the Council

#### **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 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**

#### **D. Public Comment**

There were no persons present wishing to provide public comment.

#### **E. Introduction and Assignment of Legislation to Committees**

*All items assigned as listed below:*

##### **1. Community Safety and Justice**

**2. Finance, Budget and Administration**

- a. Motion 23-176, approving award of Council Project Funds (Second Chance Outreach) [2023-0424](#)
- b. Motion 23-178, approving the apportionment of 2022 Public Utility District Privilege Taxes [2023-0380](#)
- c. Motion 23-184, authorizing an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Edmonds [2023-0244](#)
- d. Motion 23-185, authorizing an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement with the City of Mill Creek [2023-0419](#)

**3. Health and Community Services**

- a. Ordinance 23-044, approving Amendment No. 11 to Consolidated Contract with Washington State Department of Health and providing authority for future amendments [2023-0455](#)
- b. Ordinance 23-047, approving and authorizing form agreements for Naloxone distribution between Snohomish County and local jurisdictions within Snohomish County [2023-0477](#)
- c. Ordinance 23-048, approving and authorizing form agreements for Naloxone distribution (Leave-Behind Program) between Snohomish County and local jurisdictions within Snohomish County [2023-0479](#)
- d. Motion 23-181, authorizing the Executive to sign the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) for the Implementation of the Overdose Prevention Strategies at the Local Level (LOPSLL) Project [2023-0472](#)
- e. Motion 23-182, approving and authorizing the County Executive to sign the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Contract 23-32606-081 Amendment A with the Washington State Department of Commerce [2023-0475](#)

**4. Planning and Community Development**

- a. Motion 23-180, reappointing Raymond Sheldon Jr. to the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2023-0484](#)
- b. Motion 23-183, reappointing Robert Larsen to the Snohomish County Planning Commission [2023-0483](#)

**5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation**

- a. Ordinance 23-045, approving and authorizing the Snohomish County Executive to sign First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Snohomish County and the Tulalip Tribes of Washington to implement portions of the Community Floodplain Solutions - Phase II Project [2023-0465](#)

- b. Motion 23-179, approving termination of easements [2023-0469](#)
6. **Committee of the Whole**
- a. 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](#)

Nicole Gorle, Sr. Legislative Analyst, provided background information leading to this proposed ordinance and explained the current proposal. She said this ordinance would go into effect on July 1st of this year. *[see written staff report for detail in link on the agenda 2023-0476]*

Councilmembers Peterson and Dunn shared several concerns with setting an early time and date for a public hearing on May 17th, including not enough time to answer and/or clarify questions, do outreach, discuss with the courts, training for public offices, keep pressure on the State, and finding out what other jurisdictions are doing.

Vice-Chair Nehring explained why he thought it was critical to move quickly on this ordinance. Chair Mead agreed and provided comments in support of moving forward.

Responding to Councilmember Peterson, Chair Mead said meetings can be held next week for follow up discussion.

Councilmember Dunn commented on timing and explained that Councilmember Peterson and she do want to meet the needs of the community, they are asking for more time for due diligence and need more than two weeks to review.

Councilmember Peterson listed his concerns in more detail. He said he believes Council should absolutely move forward; he is just not supportive of the May 17th public hearing date.

**ACTION:** Vice-Chair Nehring made a motion to set time and date for a public hearing for May 17, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. Councilmember Low seconded the motion.

Councilmember Dunn encouraged councilmembers to vote no to show the State what a robust process looks like. She commented briefly on bi-partisan process and encouraged a later public hearing date.

Councilmember Peterson provided additional comments also asking for a no vote and a delay.

Chair Mead explained that he is supportive of May 17th. He said after discussions next week, if it is necessary, the hearing date can be re-visited.

The question was called for and the motion to set time and date for a public hearing for May 17th at the hour of 10:30 a.m. carried three to two with Councilmembers Dunn and Peterson voting no.

**F. Clerk's Report on Pending Legislation - No Report****G. Reports of Council Committees:****1. Community Safety and Justice**

*(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.)*

**2. Finance, Budget and Administration**

*(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.)*

**3. Health and Community Services**

*(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)*

**4. Planning and Community Development**

*(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.)*

**5. Public Infrastructure and Conservation**

*(Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.)*

**H. Reports of Outside Committees**

Councilmember Dunn reported that she will be attending a retreat for the Board of Health this week.

Next week is the WSAC Executive Board meeting and as a member of that Board, Councilmember Dunn asked councilmembers to let her know if they had any input for changes to their bylaws.

**I. Chairperson's Report**

1. Upcoming Planning Commission Meeting Topics April 10, 2023 [2023-0486](#)

**J. Chief of Staff's Report****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 action taken.*

**L. Other Business**

1. Motion 23-177, approving Administrative Matters presented at General Legislative Session on May 3, 2023 [2023-0482](#)
  - a. Receiving Notice of Final Action - Adoption of Rule 23-01 Incidental Use [2023-0481](#)

- b. Setting a public hearing date on May 24, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
  - 1) Ordinance 23-035, relating to revenue and finance; [2023-0392](#)  
creating the Public Works Construction Fund and adding a new Chapter 4.130 to Title 4 SCC
- c. Setting a public hearing date on June 7, 2023, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. to consider the following:
  - 1) Ordinance 23-038, approving agreement with [2023-0391](#)  
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services for Refugee Health Screening Program
  - 2) Ordinance 23-039, approving agreement for Health [2023-0402](#)  
Officer Coverage between Whatcom County and Snohomish County
  - 3) Ordinance 23-040, approving and authorizing the [2023-0408](#)  
execution of Amendment 1 to the Restated Joint County Authority BH-ASO Interlocal Operating Agreement of North Sound Behavioral Health-Administrative Services Organization, LLC

**M. Executive Session(s):**

**N. Adjourn**

At 9:24 a.m., Chair Mead recessed the Council until the 10:00 a.m. Public Infrastructure and Conservation Committee Meeting.