

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING PACKET

MOTION 20-180

**REAPPOINTING MERLE ASH TO THE SNOHOMISH
COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DISTRICT 1**

ECAF: 20070393

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Staff Person: Yorik Stevens-Wajda

EXHIBIT LIST

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1	6/17/20	Council Staff Report
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SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 20-180

REAPPOINTING MERLE ASH TO
THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DISTRICT 1

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Planning Commission is established and administered pursuant to Chapters 2.03 and 2.08 SCC; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Ash's first full term, representing County Council District 1, expires on July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, appointments to fill vacant planning commission positions are made pursuant to Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 states that vacancies shall be filled by the Council with nominees from the County Council and/or Executive; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.100 states that vacancies resulting from the expiration of terms of office shall be filled by appointments for a term of four years; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080(2) provides for the procedure by which the County Council will hold a public hearing on nominations and requires affirmative findings that the following criteria are met:

1. The nominee must be a legal resident of the council district for which he or she is nominated;
2. The nominee may not be a Snohomish County employee unless serving as a temporary appointee; and
3. The nominee must have sufficient time to attend all scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 provides that council members shall endeavor to nominate individuals with attributes including a background in one or more of the following: architecture, law, farming, recreation, finance, real estate, environment, construction, fisheries, engineering, appraisal, land use planning, education, related backgrounds, or job knowledge or interests that will add balance to the commission; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.08.080 further provides that it is desirable for nominees to have knowledge of land use theories and growth management legislation, minimal potential for conflict of interest, a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and add balance to countywide representation on the commission; and

WHEREAS, SCC 2.03.060 requires a satisfactory attendance record for reappointments, as well as a demonstration of continuing benefits of retaining the commission member; and

WHEREAS, Merle Ash was appointed to the Snohomish County Planning Commission, representing County Council District 1, to serve a partial term expiring July 1, 2016, via motion 14-006 on January 22, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Merle Ash was reappointed to the Snohomish County Planning Commission to serve a first full term to expire on July 1, 2020, via motion 16-182 on May 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Merle Ash has served effectively on the Planning Commission, with a satisfactory attendance record, and his reappointment would provide continuing benefits; and

WHEREAS, under Snohomish County Charter section 2.20 and SCC 2.08.080, Councilmember Nate Nehring has nominated Merle Ash for reappointment to the District 1 position for a second full term, to expire four years from the effective date of this motion; and

WHEREAS, the County Council held a public hearing on _____, 2020 to consider the nomination.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council hereby reappoints Merle Ash to the Snohomish County Planning Commission to serve a second full term, which expires July 1, 2024.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

Council Chair

ATTEST:

Asst. Clerk of the Council



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Planning & Community Development **Analyst:** Yorik Stevens-Wajda

ECAF: 70393

Proposal: Proposed Motion 20-180 **Date:** June 17, 2020

Consideration

Motion 20-180 would reappoint Merle Ash to the Snohomish County Planning Commission in the District 1 position. The appointment is for a second full term and would expire four years from the effective date of the motion.

Background

The Snohomish County Planning Commission is an advisory body to the County Council and County Executive. The commission holds public hearings and provides recommendations on proposed changes to the county's comprehensive plan and development regulations. The commission is made up of eleven members, two from each council district and one at-large member nominated by the executive, which serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two complete consecutive terms.

SCC [2.08.080](#) provides that the council shall appoint planning commission members, that nominees should possess attributes including a background in one or more of the following: architecture, law, farming, recreation, finance, real estate, environment, construction, fisheries, engineering, appraisal, land use planning, education, related backgrounds, or job knowledge or interests that will add balance to the commission. Nominees should also have knowledge of land use theories and growth management legislation, minimal potential for conflict of interest, a demonstrated interest in the welfare of Snohomish County, and should add balance to countywide representation on the commission.

SCC [2.03.060](#) provides that candidates for appointment to county boards or commissions must demonstrate the continuing benefits of retaining the board member and a satisfactory attendance record.

Current Proposal

Commissioner Ash's first full term expires on July 1, 2020. Motion 20-180 would reappoint Merle Ash to the Snohomish County Planning Commission to the District 1 position for a second full term, which would expire four years from the effective date of the motion (likely July 2024). Mr. Ash would not be eligible for reappointment after this second full term.

Mr. Ash has been nominated by Councilmember Nehring, and meets the requirements for service on the planning commission: Mr. Ash is a resident of the county council district for which he is nominated, is not an employee of Snohomish County, and has sufficient time to attend all scheduled meetings. Mr. Ash has an excellent attendance record.

Fiscal Impacts

2018 Budget: No impact.

Future Budgets: No impact.

Handling: Expedite. Commissioner Ash's first full term expires July 1. The next Planning Commission meeting after that is scheduled July 28.

Approved-as-to-form: Not formally reviewed

Risk Management: Not formally reviewed

Executive Recommendation: No recommendation.

Attachments: Exhibit A – Planning Commission membership table

Exhibit A – Planning Commission membership table

Planning commission membership – June 17, 2020

<u>Representing</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
Council District #1	Merle Ash (term expires 7/1/20)* Mark James (term expires 7/1/23)
Council District #2	Tom Norcott (term expires 7/1/22) Ray Sheldon, Jr. (term expires 7/1/23)
Council District #3	Robert Larsen (term expires 7/1/23) Loren Simmonds (term expires 7/1/22)
Council District #4	VACANT Neil Pedersen (term expires 11/21/22)
Council District #5	Leah Everett (term expires 7/1/22) James Kamp (term expires 7/1/23)
At-large	Keri Moore (term expires 10/11/21)

** Merle Ash nominated for reappointment*

LOG NUMBERS

BGT. _____, / / CEO 20070393, 6/17/2020

EXECUTIVE/COUNCIL APPROVAL FORM

MANAGEMENT ROUTING:

EXECUTIVE _____
DEPUTY/EXEC. DIR. _____
DIRECTOR/ELECTED Nate Nehring
DEPARTMENT _____
DIV. MGR. _____
DIVISION _____
ORIGINATOR Yorik Stevens-Wajda
DATE June 17, 2020 EXT. 3209

TO: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:
SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

_____ Approve _____ No Recommendation
_____ Further Processing
_____ Requested By _____

_____/_____/_____
Executive Office Signature
CEO Staff Review _____/_____/_____
Received at Council Office EL 344pm 6/17/2020

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_____ Emergency Appropriation
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_____ Amendment
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_____ Amendment to Ord. # _____
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 MOTION
_____ OTHER ACTION (describe below)

DOCUMENT / AGENDA TITLE:

REAPPOINTING MERLE ASH TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR DISTRICT 1

APPROVAL AUTHORITY:

EXECUTIVE _____ COUNCIL
CITE BASIS SCC 2.08

HANDLING: NORMAL _____ EXPEDITE URGENT _____ DEADLINE DATE _____

PURPOSE:

Reappoint Merle Ash to the Snohomish County Planning Commission in the District 1 position. The appointment is for a second full term, which expires four years from the effective date of this motion.

BACKGROUND:

- Chapters 2.08 and 2.03 SCC provide procedures for appointments to the Planning Commission.
- Commissioner Ash's first full term, representing County Council District 1, expires on July 1, 2020.
- SCC 2.08.100 states that vacancies resulting from the expiration of terms of office shall be filled by appointments for a term of four years.
- SCC 2.03.060 requires a satisfactory attendance record for reappointments, as well as a demonstration of continuing benefits of retaining the commission member.
- Merle Ash has been nominated for reappointment by Councilmember Nehring, lives in District 1, is not an employee of Snohomish County, has sufficient time available to attend all scheduled meetings, and has an excellent attendance record.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

EXPEND: FUND, AGY, ORG, ACTY, OBJ, AU	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL	0		

REVENUE: FUND, AGY, ORG, REV, SOURCE	CURRENT YR	2ND YR	1ST 6 YRS
TOTAL	0		

DEPARTMENT FISCAL IMPACT NOTES:

BUDGET REVIEW: Analyst _____ Administrator _____ Recommend Approval _____

CONTRACT INFORMATION:

ORIGINAL _____	CONTRACT # _____	AMOUNT	\$ _____
AMENDMENT _____	CONTRACT # _____	AMOUNT	\$ _____

CONTRACT PERIOD:

ORIGINAL	Start _____	End _____
AMENDMENT	Start _____	End _____

CONTRACT / PROJECT TITLE:

CONTRACTOR NAME & ADDRESS (City/State only):

APPROVED:

RISK MANAGEMENT Yes _____ No _____

COMMENTS _____

PROSECUTING ATTY - AS TO FORM: Yes _____ No _____

OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW / COMMENTS:

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NON-ELECTRONIC ATTACHMENTS: