

Project title: Joint Resolution of the City of Everett and Snohomish County in support of a new Everett Outdoor Multipurpose Stadium

Council Bill #

Agenda dates requested:

9/28/22

Briefing

Proposed action

Consent

Action X

Ordinance

Public hearing

Yes

No

Budget amendment:

Yes

No

PowerPoint presentation:

Yes

No

Attachments:

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Project: Joint Resolution with Snohomish County in support of a new Everett Outdoor Multipurpose Stadium

Location: City Wide

Preceding action:

Fund:

Fiscal summary statement:

Project summary statement:

A resolution determining it wise, expedient and in the public interest to collaborate with Snohomish County Council and Snohomish County Executive to investigate the feasibility of an outdoor multipurpose stadium located in the city of Everett.

Recommendation (exact action requested of Council): Adopt a Joint Resolution in support of determining the feasibility of developing an Everett Outdoor Multipurpose Stadium.

**A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EVERETT
AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY
IN SUPPORT OF A NEW EVERETT OUTDOOR MULTIPURPOSE STADIUM**

WHEREAS, from 1985 to 2020 the Everett AquaSox Minor League Class A Short Season baseball team provided professional athletic events, business partnerships, local business impacts, community pride, and entertainment for all ages and income levels as an affiliate of the Seattle Mariners, playing under 40 home games between the end of May through early September at Everett School District-owned Funko Field.

And the Everett Public Schools has been a supportive partner with the City of Everett and Snohomish County since 1985 by sharing use of the baseball facilities at Everett Memorial Stadium with the Everett AquaSox and is enthusiastic to continue to do so in the future.

And In 2021 Major League Baseball promoted the Everett AquaSox to Class High-A, the third highest level of play in Minor League Baseball.

And Major League Baseball, through these promotions, has mandated that significant facility improvements will be required that may be beyond the capacity of Everett Memorial Stadium and Everett School District with its student-centered mission to accommodate.

And the owners of the Everett AquaSox are willing to sign a lease of at least 30-years in length as an anchor tenant at an Everett outdoor multipurpose stadium that meets Major League Baseball's requirements.

And an Everett outdoor multipurpose stadium could be used to host over 100 non-baseball events per year with an anchor minor-league baseball tenant playing 66 games plus a wide range of entertainment and athletic events.

And an Everett outdoor multipurpose stadium will add jobs through construction, maintenance, customer service, and engineering; attract residents who bring new spending power within the community; grow tourism that further increases local spending and jobs within the community; and creates a multiplier effect on other venues within the city and county, thereby growing the overall economy and attractiveness of the City of Everett and Snohomish County.

And cities and counties are collections of residents who need safe, large, quality, and inclusive public places for fun, relaxation, local identity, entertainment, celebrations.

And quality public spaces capitalize on a city and county's assets, inspiration, and potential to contribute to resident's health, happiness, and wellbeing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVERETT, THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Council, with the concurrence of Snohomish County Executive and the Snohomish County Council, find and determines that it is wise, expedient, and in the public interest to collaborate with Snohomish County to investigate the feasibility of an outdoor multipurpose stadium located in the City of Everett.

SECTION 2: Any outdoor multipurpose stadium should be built and operated to be inclusive and accessible with a broad range of affordable opportunities.

SECTION 3: Any outdoor multipurpose stadium should be built in a location that creates the strongest possible economic multiplier impact on the surrounding businesses and venues.

Signed this ____ day of September 2022.



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