

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIEW ONLINE

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

9 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas and Kathy Kershner

Absent: 1 - Todd Donovan

Clerk's note: Kathy Kershner joined the meeting after the roll call.

Announcement

Committee Discussion

Attorneys Present: George Roche and Karen Frakes.

Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda item one and two may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive session will conclude no later than 10 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, Council staff will make a public announcement.

Browne moved to go into executive session until no later than 10 a.m. to discuss the agenda items pursuant to the RCW citations as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Frazey, Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, and Elenbaas

Nay: 0

Absent: 2 - Kershner out of the room and Donovan absent

1. [AB2020-347](#) Discussion of pending litigation with civil deputy George Roche: Cooper as personal representative of estate of Paula Jefferson, et al. v. Whatcom County, et al. US District Court Western District of WA No. 2:20-cv-01196. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2020-372](#) Discussion of ordinance to revise WCC 2.09 Public Defender's Office, to take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110

Clerk's note: The title for this item was revised and read into the record during the evening Council meeting as follows:

Discussion of potential litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney George Roche re: ordinance to revise WCC 2.09 Public Defender's Office, to take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Other Business

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on September 29, 2020.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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