

**Whatcom County
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

ESTIMATED TIME - MEETING MAY BEGIN EARLIER/LATER THAN 11 A.M.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

11 AM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey
Satpal Sidhu

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey and Satpal Sidhu

Absent: None

Also present: Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, and Todd Donovan

County Executive's Report

Jack Louws, County Executive, acknowledged new Executive Elect, Satpal Sidhu, and new Councilmember At-Large Elect, Carol Frazey, and he gave a recommendation to table **AB2019-285 Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Title 3, requiring that public funds used for construction projects do double duty by also providing apprentices with job training hours to meet the requirements necessary to become the next generation of skilled trades persons** so that department heads and legal staff could give their input.

Councilmembers discussed the Executive's recommendation.

Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director, spoke about ambiguity in the language of the ordinance as it concerns a mechanism for administration of the exceptions and waivers and remedial actions if a contractor is not in compliance, and about the process and consequences of terminating a contract. He answered a question about how much time would be needed to propose an amendment to the ordinance.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2019-580](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for Stream Gaging (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Frazey moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2019-581](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between the U.S. Department of Interior Geological Survey and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Byrd moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2019-552](#) Ordinance amending the 2019 Whatcom County budget, request no. 14, in the amount of \$72,853

Jack Louws, County Executive, answered questions about the request for an increase in indigent burial services and whether the County has encountered anyone who is looking for someone who is diseased only to find that they have been cremated, whether this is an ongoing or a one time cost, and whether the county has the authority to run DNA samples through an ancestry search company for ancestry research purposes.

Frazey moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2019-553](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Lummi Nation Ferry Lease Fund, Request No. 2

Randy Rydell, Public Works Department, answered questions about whether the money will just go into a project based budget or if there's a list of particular projects for the fund, and how many expenditure requests have been made.

Byrd moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2019-562](#) Ordinance amending the Project Budget for the Criminal Justice Integrated Case Management Systems Fund, Request No. 1

The following people answered a question and discussed with councilmembers why the same software platform can't be used for all the criminal justice-related purposes in the different departments, whether further conversation can take place about the possibility for a single platform, and whether not approving this item before the end of 2019 would affect the mid-biennium budget review:

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office

Jack Louws, County Executive

Byrd moved that the Ordinance be HELD IN COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2019-564](#) Ordinance amending the Project Budget for the Lake Whatcom Park Trail Development Fund, Request No. 1

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions about the source, use and balance of the fund.

Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department, answered questions how the Chanterelle and the Hertz Trails will be connected and whether the new trail development will allow mountain bikes, whether the fund includes expanding the Silver Lake Park parking lot on the north shore, whether the flood zone tax would be better spent on current stormwater issues such as Lake Whatcom water quality which is affected by trails, whether the community can contribute to the expense of the trail work, how much of the funds are going to the trail and what projects they would be used for, who does the project work, whether trails count as impervious surface, and what square footage that would come out to.

Byrd moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

7. [AB2019-550](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer District for a follow-up investigation, in the amount of \$40,000.00

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, answered questions about whether the Lake Whatcom Water and Sewer District can expand a line or service area if the study shows that septic systems are causing water quality degradation.

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2019-593](#) Resolution adopting a salary schedule and policies for unrepresented Whatcom County Employees, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Frazey moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2019-582](#) Resolution to set public hearing to sell tax-title property by public auction

Byrd moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2019-587](#) Resolution ordering the cancellation of unredeemed checks (warrants) more than one year old

Byrd moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2019-589](#) Resolution ordering the cancellation of accounts receivable more than four years old
Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, stated the administration would like to propose an amendment to Exhibit A of the resolution to remove document number 21177 which represents a still-current violation.

Byrd moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

WITH A PROPOSED AMENDMENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2019-574](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to add funding for a behavioral health consultant, in the amount of \$17,800 for a total amended contract amount of \$130,028

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2019-577](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to provide emergency management services, in the amount of \$200,000

Byrd moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2019-585](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Pioneer Human Services to provide substance use disorder assessments and post-assessment treatment coordination to inmates released from the Whatcom County Jail in an estimated amount of \$60,000 for a total estimated amended contract amount of \$91,500

Byrd moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2019-594](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Healthcare Management Administrators, Inc. (HMA) to provide administrative and claims processing services for the self-insured medical program

Byrd moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2019-595](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of a replacement dump truck, dump body, hook lift sander, and plow; using Washington State Contract #01513 and #01117. The total cost of these purchases is \$281,677.87

Frazey moved that the Bid Award be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Other Business

Councilmembers discussed issues with councilmember parking and cancelling fines for old parking violations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Satpal Sidhu, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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