

# **Whatcom County Council Planning and Development Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2023**

**2:05 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Tyler Byrd  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## Call To Order

Committee Chair Ben Elenbaas called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Tyler Byrd, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

## Announcements

## Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-173](#) Discussion of an ordinance adopting various minor amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning; Title 21, Land Division regulations, and; Title 22, Land Use and Development

Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department, briefed the Councilmembers on changes to the Ordinance since the March 7, 2023 Committee meeting. He answered questions about proposed added language to Section 20.80.910 “Accessory Dwelling Units - Standards” due to an error discovered by staff.

Strong stated the Ordinance with these changes is on the Council agenda for introduction tonight.

Donovan moved to recommend the Ordinance for introduction but he is not on the committee so **Galloway moved** to recommend for introduction.

Byrd asked whether Strong updated the bicycle code to say it is optional and whether adding bicycle parking would be a one-to-one replacement of vehicle parking. He would like to see it updated to reflect that for tonight.

**Byrd moved** to update the bicycle parking (Section 20.80.527) to make it, where optional, the one-to-one replacement would apply if someone chose to exercise the option.

Byrd asked whether that change would make it usable anywhere within the county where our code applies and Strong stated it would.

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Galloway

**Nay:** 0

The motion to recommend for introduction as amended carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Galloway

**Nay:** 0

**Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

**Other Business**

Galloway asked Elenbaas whether he had any thoughts or updates on putting together a housing work session to discuss Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and other issues of interest.

Elenbaas stated that the Council's Legislative Analyst was gathering information so he wanted to see where she was on that before scheduling something.

Cathy Halka, Council Legislative Analyst, stated she would hopefully have more information for them at the end of this week or early next week.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

**Ben Elenbaas-via email 3/24/2023**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

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