

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

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

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023  
2:15 PM  
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2:35 P.M.; MAY BEGIN EARLY  
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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 2:40 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. [AB2023-398](#) Discussion of an ordinance adopting various amendments to WCC Title 20, Zoning, regarding home-based businesses

Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department, briefed the Councilmembers on the proposed code changes and answered whether the parcel size of a type IV home-based business would still have the requirement that it “not be less than 10 acres” even if it is adjoined to other parcels that exceed ten acres, and suggested language that would fix that. He answered questions about the time constraints on noise and whether they are too restrictive, the reason for the limit of 24 outdoor events per year, and whether there is any way in the code that a parcel purchased specifically to be an event venue would not fall under those limits.

Councilmembers and Strong discussed the peace and quiet hours noted in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 332.52.130 which are, “after 10:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m. every day of the week” and whether we could just make sure our code is consistent with the State, whether the Whatcom County Code has a noise ordinance, what the timeline for this Ordinance is, amending the parcel size restrictions, and whether this could be held and brought back later in July.

***Galloway moved*** to recommend that they hold off on introducing this Ordinance until the July 25th meeting and bring it back to committee at that meeting as well so that action would be available for August 8th.

Councilmembers and Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, discussed the dates of upcoming regular meetings.

***Galloway amended her motion and moved*** to recommend to the full Council that they bring the discussion of the Ordinance back to Committee

on July 25, and hold off on introducing the Ordinance until August 8 for action on September 12th.

Elenbaas asked whether the one-hour limit for amplified music is a State law.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.**

### **Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

### **Other Business**

Councilmembers and Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, discussed whether the Ordinance for short term rentals should follow the same timeline as the Ordinance discussed above.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

**Ben Elenbaas-via email 7/11/2023**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

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