

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

**Tuesday, July 9, 2024
2 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 PM - MAY BEGIN EARLY
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA
REVISED 7.8.2024**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements**Special Presentation**

1. [AB2024-425](#) Presentation from the County Prosecutor on fentanyl-related actions and updates
PRESENTED
2. [AB2024-434](#) Presentation from the Bellingham Food Bank, Whatcom Food Bank Network, and Twin Sisters Market on funding requests from food insecurity service providers
PRESENTED

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2024-336](#) Update from the investigative committee assigned to review recent employment law decisions
DISCUSSED
2. [AB2024-419](#) Ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposal to repeal Proposition 5
DISCUSSED
3. [AB2024-427](#) Discussion of Docket Item PLN2024-00007, High Impact Industrial uses in Urban Growth Areas, regarding questions posed by the Planning Commission
DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2024-418](#) Resolution approving a Major Project Permit for the City of Bellingham
RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler
Nay: 0
2. [AB2024-420](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.02.080, Standing Committees - Membership, to change the membership of all standing council committees from three members to seven
RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE
Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2024-466](#) Resolution requesting Whatcom County Superior Court issue a declaratory judgement to determine whether Initiative 2024-01 is procedurally invalid

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

2. [AB2024-467](#) Ordinance imposing an interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new uses in areas zoned heavy impact industrial within a City's designated urban growth area

NOT ACTED UPON

3. [AB2024-468](#) Ordinance imposing an emergency interim moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications and permits for new uses in areas zoned heavy impact industrial within a city's designated urban growth area

NOT ACTED UPON

4. [AB2024-469](#) Resolution requesting the Whatcom County Executive decommission all contracts with the Opportunity Council and Northwest Youth Services relating to the 22 North permanent supportive housing facility

NOT ACTED UPON

Other Business

Adjournment