

**Whatcom County
Council Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

2 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan

Tyler Byrd

Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Also present: Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

Special Order of Business

1. [AB2020-057](#) Assignment of staffing responsibilities for the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment, including the project website and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC)

Cathy Halka, Council Office, described the involvement of Council Office staff in the project management of the needs assessment, including maintaining a project website, meeting assistance for the Stakeholder Advisory Committee and briefing the Executive's Office about those meetings.

Buchanan moved to assign Council Office responsibilities to the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment project.

Halka answered questions about how much the investment would be in terms of staff time.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, and Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, answered questions about what resources from the Executive's Office and other departments would be dedicated to the project; how necessary data will be obtained for the needs assessment; the involvement of the INDEX Subcommittee of the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force in the process of gathering data; collecting questions from Councilmembers that they would like Hellmuth, Obata, and Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK) to answer; how many other proposals were received from the County's Request for Proposal (RFP) for public services for the development of a needs assessment and how the proposals compared.

Buchanan withdrew his motion and ***moved*** to hold in committee.

Buchanan's motion that the Special Order of Business be HELD IN

COMMITTEE carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Buchanan, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Other Business

Discussion continued about building community trust and how to decide on and present a solution for a facility that the voters would support.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Committee Chair

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