

Whatcom County Council

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Minutes - Draft Minutes

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024
6 PM**

Council Chambers - Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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COUNCILMEMBERS

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

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

There was no report.

MINUTES CONSENT

Byrd moved to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded by Elenbaas (see votes on individual items below).

1. [MIN2024-056](#) Special Council for August 27, 2024

Byrd moved and Elenbaas seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [MIN2024-057](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for September 10, 2024

Byrd moved and Elenbaas seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [MIN2024-058](#) Special Committee of the Whole for September 10, 2024

Byrd moved and Elenbaas seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

4. [MIN2024-059](#) Committee of the Whole for September 10, 2024

Byrd moved and Elenbaas seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

5. [MIN2024-060](#) Regular County Council for September 10, 2024

Byrd moved and Elenbaas seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

6. [MIN2024-061](#) Water Work Session for April 16, 2024

Byrd moved and Elenbaas seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

7. [MIN2024-062](#) Water Work Session for May 14, 2024

Byrd moved and Elenbaas seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [AB2024-545](#) Ordinance adopting various amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning

Buchanan opened the Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Byrd moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2024-046

2. [AB2024-559](#) Ordinance adopting the 2020 Shoreline Management Program Periodic Update

Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department, stated this is a culmination of seven years' worth of work.

Buchanan opened the Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Galloway moved and Donovan seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: ORD 2024-047

3. [AB2024-564](#) Resolution adopting the 2025-2030 Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program (WRIP) by the Whatcom County Council (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Paula Harris, Public Works Department, stated she already went over this with Councilmembers (at the September 17 Water Work Session) and nothing has changed.

Buchanan opened the Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Galloway moved and Byrd seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-038

4. [AB2024-579](#) Resolution approving the 2025-2030 Six-year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Doug Ranney, Public Works Department, stated he had no further presentation on this beyond what he gave in the August 6 committee discussion (**AB2024-503** in Public Works Committee).

Buchanan opened the Public Hearing and hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Galloway moved and Byrd seconded that the Resolution be APPROVED.

The following people discussed the resolution with the Councilmembers:

- Doug Ranney

- Kayla Schott-Bresler, Executive's Office
- Aly Pennucci, Executive's Office
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
- Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Department Director

Donovan brought up a concern from a letter received via email by the Council regarding a change in the amount allocated for non-motorized multi-modal trails for transportation. It noted that project number Y5 ("Unanticipated non-motorized improvements") is no longer in Exhibit A or the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) (as it was in the August discussion of the resolution), but also not reflected in Attachment A of this version as being a change.

Ranney stated Public Works needed to substantially reduce the capital program budget in order to present a balanced budget and right-size the Road Fund moving forward so they removed \$4.5 million of local money from year one of the STIP and most of their unanticipated projects were removed as part of that process.

Donovan stated they are expecting a budget from the Executive that may or may not replace some of these funds from the Road Fund and asked how this would fit in with the budget the Executive is going to be proposing. He asked how long they would be setting the projects back that are not on the STIP if they approve it tonight.

The speakers discussed the process to amend the STIP outside of the annual process, the fact that amendments to the Annual Construction Program (the first year of the STIP, and the document by which Council gives the authority to spend the money on the capital projects) requires a unanimous vote of the Council, that affording the original proposal could theoretically be possible if the Executive proposes a budget which includes taking the County's banked capacity, whether the projects should be included in the STIP now or made "pending," and excluded later if necessary, a statutory responsibility of Public Works to introduce the Annual Construction Program by October first (which is year one of this six-year program), whether Council could introduce the one without the changes, other non-motorized improvements that are still on the STIP, and whether they could hold this until the end of this meeting in order for the Administration and Public Works to come back with a more thorough explanation.

Galloway moved to hold until the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Galloway amended her motion *and moved* to hold until Other Items (under the COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES header).

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Galloway, Scanlon, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, and Elenbaas

Nay: 1 - Stremler

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED (see further action below under Committee Reports).

Enactment No: RES 2024-040

Motion approved 6-1, with Stremler opposed, to hold this item until Other Items at the end of the meeting (see this file again under Committee Reports, Other Items, And Councilmember Updates below).

OPEN SESSION

The following people spoke:

- Lorena Shah
- David Finet
- Sally Church
- Cliff Freeman
- Mimi Margulies
- Mae Thungc-Lease
- Kaia Hayes
- Laura Sheehan
- Name not stated
- Gerald Hulbert
- Barbara Powers
- Misty Flowers
- Mike Boxx
- Ryan Cunningham
- Lyle Sorenson
- Natalie Chavez
- Heather K
- Elizabeth Kerwin
- Nick Holden
- Zeuk Brown
- Brel Froebe
- Doug "Yoshe" Revelle

Hearing no one else, Buchanan closed the Open Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* to approve Consent Agenda items one through fifteen.

Elenbaas requested that they consider Consent Agenda items one, two, and three separately.

Donovan amended his motion *and moved* to approve Consent Agenda items four through fifteen. Councilmembers voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2024-605](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Northwest Resource Group for development of a forest management plan in the Lake Whatcom Watershed, in the amount of \$133,060

This item was considered separately below.

2. [AB2024-606](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for a partnership in the development and implementation of the forest management plan in the Lake Whatcom Watershed, where the City will reimburse the County for contract costs in the amount of \$41,295

This item was considered separately below.

3. [AB2024-607](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to fund various public health services in the amount of \$2,733,126, for a total amended agreement amount of \$18,991,359

This item was considered separately below.

4. [AB2024-609](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden to support Lynden's Wastewater Treatment Plant construction project in the amount of \$2,000,000

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremmler

Nay: 0

5. [AB2024-610](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Ferndale for the City's Water Treatment Plant upgrades in the amount of \$3,000,000

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

6. [AB2024-611](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections to provide substance use disorder assessments and post-treatment coordination services to eligible people in the amount of \$100,000, for a total amended contract amount of \$281,977

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

7. [AB2024-612](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Center for Early Learning to expand mental health support services to low-income children, in the amount of \$398,709

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

8. [AB2024-613](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to purchase an oversample of a statewide survey to assess the health and well-being of children and families, in the amount of \$67,796

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

9. [AB2024-614](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Ecology for a Washington Conservation Corps Crew and supervisor to assist with salmon habitat, flood, and stormwater projects, water quality monitoring, and emergency response, in the amount of \$227,140 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

10. [AB2024-615](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to secure matching funds for the acquisition of a conservation easement on the Taylor property through the Conservation Easement Program, in the amount of \$50,000

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

11. [AB2024-621](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Commerce to help cover a portion of the Victim/Witness Coordinator position salary and benefits in an amount not to exceed \$60,461

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

12. [AB2024-622](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #24-70 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and JT Muenscher General Contractor, Inc. for the demolition of the Hostel Building at Bay Horizon Park, in the amount of \$249,152

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Bid Award be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The

motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

13. [AB2024-623](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, in the amount of \$11,509

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

14. [AB2024-624](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the US Department of Justice for a Rapid DNA Testing Machine, in the amount of \$440,000

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

15. [AB2024-627](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Mark Palmer General Contractor LLC for 513 Courtroom Remodel Tenant Improvements, in the amount of \$65,917.75

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

1. [AB2024-605](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Northwest Resource Group for development of a forest management plan in the Lake Whatcom Watershed, in the amount of \$133,060

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the Contract be AUTHORIZED.

Councilmembers discussed the item with the following people:

- Bennett Knox, Parks and Recreation Department Director
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

They answered how the land will be managed and whether there will be a harvest plan, whether *not* funding this would likely result in less management, and plans for recreation and where it will be incorporated.

Sidhu stated they need to manage the forest and make sure there is less fuel there for safety's sake. Harvesting may be part of the management, but not just for harvesting's sake. Any money that comes out of the harvest will go back into managing that forest.

Scanlon stated there have been many advisory committees that have consulted on this work.

Donovan stated he hopes the history of the reconveyance will also go to the consultant because management included more than just fire suppression; it was for public park purposes, with all kinds of recreational and forestry plans.

Councilmembers and the speakers discussed the City's priorities in managing the land.

Donovan's motion that the Contract be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

2. [AB2024-606](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for a partnership in the development and implementation of the forest management plan in the Lake Whatcom Watershed, where the City will reimburse the County for contract costs in the amount of \$41,295

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

3. [AB2024-607](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement

amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to fund various public health services in the amount of \$2,733,126, for a total amended agreement amount of \$18,991,359

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED.

Kayla Schott-Bresler, Executive's Office, answered whether this contract is strictly increasing revenue and not expending General funds and stated that is correct.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, and Schott-Bresler answered questions about what the \$529,929 (for "COVID19 Vaccine") can be used for while there are other needs the public is asking for, such as food.

Donovan stated that some of that funding is for staff.

Councilmembers and Schott-Bresler discussed the funding and whether it has flexibility.

Byrd read more about the break-down of what the funds will be used for from **AB2024-594**.

Donovan's motion that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-565](#) Ordinance relating to the annual submission of taxing district levy amounts to the Whatcom County Council

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremmler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2024-048

2. [AB2024-594](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 12, in the amount of \$9,347,192

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be ADOPTED.

Councilmembers discussed COVID-19 vaccine funding, the long-term prospect for the related staff positions, and the purchase of a property in the Acme area with Conservation Futures Funds (Request #4763) and whether the purchase is a good use of that money.

Bennett Knox, Parks and Recreation Department Director, answered questions about the funding for the acquisition and whether it is solely funded with our local dollars, and stated that is correct. He answered whether there are connections to purchases that other entities have made, including the Whatcom Land Trust, and stated the purchase was made possible because the Land Trust was able to move nimbly to purchase the land from the previous owners, allowing us to then put in place County funding for purchase by the County.

Donovan's motion that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremler

Enactment No: ORD 2024-049

3. [AB2024-596](#) Ordinance establishing a project-based budget for the Lookout Mountain Road Repair Project Fund

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be ADOPTED.

The following people answered questions:

- Bennett Knox, Parks and Recreation Department Director
- Kayla Schott-Bresler, Executive's Office
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Stremler asked whether the Lookout Mountain Road Repair Fund is this coming about just because of this particular repair and he spoke about the responsibilities that become the County's burden from owning properties.

Knox answered whether this is a private road that only services the towers that the County leases or a public County road, and stated it is accessible but only serves the towers. He stated that forest management would hopefully alleviate the type of event that caused this slide, and there may be

an opportunity to look at how they might mitigate these types of events in the future.

Schott-Bresler answered whether the County gets lease revenues from the towers, and stated that is correct.

Sidhu answered whether there is an interlocal that addresses maintenance of access roads that lead to any of this kind of infrastructure, and stated he could not think of one off-hand.

Donovan's motion that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 1 - Stremmler

Enactment No: ORD 2024-050

4. [AB2024-597](#) Ordinance establishing a project-based budget for the Governor's Point Project Fund

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremmler

Enactment No: ORD 2024-051

5. [AB2024-602](#) Resolution amending the 2024 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$257,550 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Donovan reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Resolution (FCZDBS) be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremmler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-039

(No Committee Assignment)

6. [AB2024-314](#) Ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.180 Naming County-Owned Public Buildings, Properties, Parks, and Facilities

Buchanan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be

ADOPTED.

Stremler asked about the line that talks about "County goals for diversity, equity, and inclusion" and what those are.

Buchanan stated the County and the Health Department have both joined the organization Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE) and generally follow those guidelines.

Kayla Schott-Bresler, Executive's Office, stated the County does not have formally- adopted goals but she pointed the Councilmembers back to the resolution they passed a few years ago (**Resolution 2020-054**) declaring racism a public health crisis.

Councilmembers and Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, discussed the concept of diversity, equity, and inclusion, whether this is a solution for a problem that does not exist, and the motion.

Buchanan's motion that the Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Stremler

Enactment No: ORD 2024-052

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2024-598](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Justice Project Oversight & Planning (JPOP) Committee, behavioral health provider position, Applicant(s): Trevor Aerts

Byrd moved and Scanlon seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Donovan

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2024-619](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Dan Kostozewski and Gervasio Tirigall to the Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Byrd moved and Scanlon seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

There were no agenda items added by revision.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. [AB2024-616](#) Receipt of application to a vacancy on the Justice Project Oversight and Planning (JPOP) Committee, supportive housing subject matter expert, Applicant(s): Pamela Kahn (deadline for additional applications to this position is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024)

Byrd moved and Galloway seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmembers continued the discussion from earlier regarding AB2024-579.

- [AB2024-579](#) Resolution approving the 2025-2030 Six-year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Aly Pennucci, Executive's Office, stated in response to issues with the Road Fund, nothing was cut from the plan, but some spending proposals were pushed out further into the six-year program. It does not take a unanimous vote to amend the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in the future; it takes a unanimous vote to amend the Annual Construction Program. She stated the recommendation of the Administration and Public Works Department is to adopt the STIP as presented on the agenda this evening. This will allow Public Works to move forward with the statutorily-required proposal for the Annual Construction Program. In the meantime, the Administration will make a decision about whether or not the Executive's budget will recommend use of banked capacity, and if the answer is yes, then Public Works will submit for introduction on October 8, 2024 an Annual Construction Program that will bring the spending back into the current biennium, and an amendment to the STIP that Council will have just approved. She answered questions about that process and the possibility of considering the STIP earlier in the future to give Council opportunity to deal with any issues or amendments.

Scanlon spoke about ways they could advance bike and pedestrian

infrastructure investments in the future.

Galloway moved and Byrd seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-040

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES
CONTINUED

Councilmembers gave committee reports and other updates.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription