

**Whatcom County
Council Public Works & Health Committee**

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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLY/ENDS NO LATER THAN 5
P.M.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

3:20 PM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Todd Donovan
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Carol Frazey called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. in a virtual meeting. Because Frazey was joining the meeting via telephone, Todd Donovan acted as committee chair for the rest of the meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Carol Frazey, Todd Donovan and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also present: Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, and Ben Elenbaas

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2020-419](#) Discussion relating to the draft Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Whatcom County Facilities (2021-2026)

Matt Aamot, Planning and Development Services Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered whether there have been any new ideas behind alternative funding sources outside of debt and sales tax for the jail.

Frazey moved to forward the proposed Ordinance for Introduction at a later date.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Frazey, Kershner, and Donovan

Nay: 0

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

2. [AB2020-434](#) Discussion with Public Works staff regarding the proposed resolution adopting the 2021 Annual Road Construction Program (ACP)

Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers on the proposed Resolution.

The following additional staff also answered questions:

- Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director
- James Lee, Public Works Department

Staff answered whether it has always been the case that the Resolution can only be amended by unanimous vote once it has been approved and the process of determining the scope of the work for the Lakeway Drive Corridor Improvements project on the Transportation Improvement

Program.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

3. [AB2020-439](#) Discussion regarding a proposed ordinance amending the Whatcom County Code to create a Whatcom County Child and Family Well-Being Task Force

Kershner moved approval for discussion.

Kershner moved to amend the ordinance Section 2.106.040 Permanent Members as follows:

Members of the Child and Family Well-being Task Force shall include the following 15 ~~designated officials or their~~ representatives, appointed by their designated agency:

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3- Frazey, Kershner, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Kershner moved to amend Section 2.106.040 item E as follows:

E. One representative from Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) (Non-Governmental Child Welfare)-local office

She amended her motion to only include spelling out of the acronym as follows:

E. One representative from Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) (Child Welfare)-local office

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3- Kershner, Frazey, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Kershner moved to amend Section 2.106.040 item K as follows:

K. One representative from small cities (selected by ~~small cities~~ the Small Cities Partnership)

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3- Frazey, Kershner, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Kershner moved to amend Section 2.106.040 right after item M to add the following:

These representatives are not subject to term limits. The individual agencies will determine who will represent them on the Task Force.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3- Kershner, Frazey, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Kershner moved to amend Section 2.106.050 Additional Appointed Members as follows:

2.106.050 Additional Appointed Members

In addition to officials designated above, the Child and Family Well-being Task Force shall include the following ~~10~~15 members appointed by the Whatcom County Council:

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Kershner withdrew her motion to amend.

Kershner moved to amend Section 2.106.050 Additional Appointed Members to include

- Faith Community Representative
- Homeschool/Private School Representative
- Single Mother
- Single Father
- Two-Parent Family
- Foster Care Parent
- Pediatrician, Obstetrician or Health Provider serving children 0-7 years of age or expectant mothers

Councilmembers, Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, and Jill Nixon, Council Office, discussed the motion.

Kershner amended her motion to remove Pediatrician, Obstetrician or Health Provider serving children 0-7 years of age or expectant mothers from her motion and *moved* to amend Section 2.106.050 to add the following positions:

- Faith Community Representative
- Homeschool/Private School Representative
- Single Mother
- Single Father
- Two-Parent Family
- Foster Care Parent

Councilmembers discussed setting a number of available positions and advising to recruit people from the listed areas as opposed to listing specific positions or stating that priority will be given to people in the added categories. The also discussed how many additional appointed members there should be and how it should be noted in the ordinance.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, answered whether this ordinance is before the Council at tonight's Council meeting and whether there are examples of other similar ordinances they could use as a guideline.

Kershner withdrew her motion to amend and ***moved*** to hold the version with approved amendments in Committee and stated she could work on language for the second part of it.

Astrid Newell, Health Department, stated she could help them with amendments.

The motion to hold in Committee as amended carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3- Frazey, Kershner, and Donovan

Nay: 0

This agenda item was amended and HELD IN COMMITTEE.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

Buchanan thanked committee chairs for being on schedule today.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Carol Frazey-via email 10/16/2020

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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