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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Natural Resources Committee

January 29, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Member Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Todd Donovan, Barry Buchanan, and Satpal Sidhu
Absent: None
Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, Carol Frazey, and Tyler Byrd

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. AB2019-097 2019 SELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

Buchanan moved to appoint Councilmember Donovan as Committee Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Donovan, Buchanan, and Sidhu (3)

Nays: None (0)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. AB2019-088 PARKS STAFF WILL MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE BOAT LAUNCH AT LIGHTHOUSE MARINE PARK, LOCATED IN POINT ROBERT; THE PRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT CONDITION, A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE LAUNCH, SITE CONDITIONS, AND ON-GOING OPERATIONS

Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department Director, gave a staff report on the future of the boat ramp and answered questions.

Rod Lamb, Parks and Recreation Department, submitted and read from a presentation (*on file*) on the Lighthouse Marine Park boat ramp update. Options for council consideration are additional funding for boarding float repairs in the amount of \$50,000 or moving the boarding float to another location. He answered questions.

Councilmembers and staff asked about similar launches in other locations; engaging the community; costs of launching a boat at a private launch facility; and who is using the launch currently.

McFarlane stated staff will engage the community at Point Roberts and then bring back a supplemental budget request, at which time the Council can make a decision.

The Committee concurred.

1 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

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3 **1. AB2019-079 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF WATER RESOURCES**
4 **INVENTORY AREA 1 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN**
5 **UPDATE**
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7 Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, gave a staff report on the Planning Unit
8 consideration of a watershed management plan update. The Planning Unit has not approved
9 a plan update. The Planning Unit voted to send letters to Ecology and the legislators
10 notifying them of the status of the plan update process, and to continue to work on it past
11 the February 1 deadline. He answered questions.
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13 Councilmembers and staff discussed whether there was a vote at the Council's
14 January Surface Water Work Session meeting about bringing forward a plan to the Council;
15 the next steps in the process; which information should be sent to the Department of
16 Ecology; the plan approval process; amending the policy chart and forwarding it to Ecology;
17 and whether the County Council has any role or authority in the plan update process.
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19 ***Buchanan moved*** to recommend that the County Council support the vote of the
20 Planning Unit at the last meeting on January 23, to send the letters and the catalog of
21 materials to Ecology and legislators.
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23 The motion carried by the following vote:
24 **Ayes:** Donovan, Buchanan, and Sidhu (3)
25 **Nays:** None (0)
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27 Councilmembers and staff discussed a meeting between a Department of Ecology
28 representative and the Watershed Management Board.
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31 **OTHER BUSINESS**

32 There was no other business.
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36 **ADJOURN**

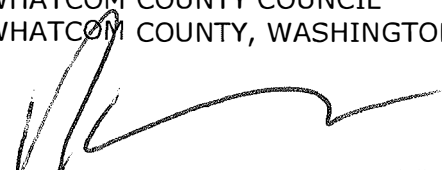
37 The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.
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47 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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52 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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Todd Donovan, Committee Chair