

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON AT 311 GRAND AVENUE SUITE
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www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010), AGENDA
REVISED 3.16.2023**

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2023-022](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for March 7, 2023
2. [MIN2023-023](#) Committee of the Whole for March 7, 2023
3. [MIN2023-024](#) Regular County Council for March 7, 2023
4. [MIN2023-026](#) Water Work Session for March 14, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS

To participate, please see instructions at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those participating remotely.

1. [AB2022-641](#) Ordinance adopting the Buildable Lands Report
2. [AB2023-127](#) Resolution adopting the Healthy Children's Fund Implementation Plan

3. [AB2023-158](#) Ordinance declaring public necessity for and the authorization to acquire certain property rights by eminent domain for the E. Smith Road and Hannegan Road Intersection Improvements Project
4. [AB2023-172](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Chapter 16.50, Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy and Resiliency (C-PACER) Program

OPEN SESSION

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. To participate, please see instructions at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those participating remotely.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-177](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and S. S. Papadopulos & Associates, Inc. to make refinements and modifications to the Whatcom County Groundwater Model, in the amount of \$210,640 for a total contract amount of \$496,656 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
2. [AB2023-196](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Heston Hauling LLC to provide towing, removal and disposal services for abandoned vehicles that have been declared as junk on the county right of way in the amount of \$32,000
3. [AB2023-198](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology to the 2021-2023 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a total amended contract amount of \$75,000.00
4. [AB2023-206](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County, the City of Bellingham and Port of Bellingham for increased cost of joint consultation and government affairs services in the amount of \$48,000 per year

5. [AB2023-208](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine in support of the Wellfield Pump Station Infrastructure Project in the amount of a \$375,000 grant and a \$125,000 loan
6. [AB2023-209](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Pyramid Communications for public communications for the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force in the amount of \$138,850, for a total amended amount of \$227,650.
7. [AB2023-210](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Blaine for the G Street Sewer improvement project in the amount of a \$1,875,000 grant and a \$625,000 loan
8. [AB2023-215](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into a contract with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC for financial advisor services in the amount of \$39,000

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2023-149](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Academy Road Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 3
2. [AB2023-155](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.128, Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, to revise membership
3. [AB2023-185](#) Ordinance amending the 2023 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$7,015,999
4. [AB2023-186](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Courthouse Improvement Fund, request no. 4
5. [AB2023-189](#) Request for motion to approve the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) Plan 2023-2025 Update
6. [AB2023-195](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to support operations at the permanent supportive housing facility 22 North in the amount of \$25,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$268,950

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

7. [AB2023-145](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2022-058 to change the due date of the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force Phase III report
8. [AB2023-166](#) Ordinance establishing a compost procurement policy

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2023-182](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force, Applicant(s): Samantha Cruz-Mendoza
2. [AB2023-188](#) Appointment to vacancies on the Wildlife Advisory Committee, applicant(s): Erin Deinzer, Cris Gonzalez, and Anne Johnson
3. [AB2023-190](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on the Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Subzone Advisory Committee, Applicant(s): Robert Bromley (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
4. [AB2023-194](#) Appointment of (1) councilmember to the Bellingham/Whatcom County Tourism board and discussion on adding this board to the annual council re-organization.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. [AB2023-201](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Adrienne Renz to the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee
2. [AB2023-207](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Richard Joss to the Whatcom County Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee
3. [AB2023-213](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Vanessa Bronsema to the Whatcom County Salary Commission

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2023-200](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 1.14 Election Precinct Boundaries
2. [AB2023-204](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$631,850
3. [AB2023-205](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the Lake Whatcom Park Trail Development Fund, request no. 2

- 4. [AB2023-174](#) Ordinance adopting various minor amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning; Title 21, Land Division Regulations, and; Title 22, Land Use and Development

- 5. [AB2023-199](#) Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 2023-004

ITEM WITHDRAWN 3.16.2023

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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