

**Whatcom County
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 12:45 P.M. (TO PARTICIPATE, VISIT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 3.22.2021

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

11:10 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Rud Browne called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd and Carol Frazey

Absent: None

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2020-110](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Freedom 2000, LLC dba Cando Recycling and Disposal to lease the Johnson Road Transfer Station Facility in Point Roberts, in the amount of \$750 per month

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

John Wolpers, Health Department Environmental Health Manager, briefed the Councilmembers and answered why the amount being charged is more than other providers.

Frazey's motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

2. [AB2021-145](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for Academy Road Stormwater Improvements Fund, request no. 2

Frazey moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2021-146](#) Ordinance amending the 2021 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$3,397,903

Frazey moved that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION.

The following staff answered questions about the Plantation Rifle Range roof and HVAC project, the revenue and expenses of the facility, whether youth are allowed to shoot at the range, the possibility of selling the range to a private entity so it is not subsidized by the County and the relocation of the Scottish Highland Gathering event from Hovander Park because of the cost of renting County parks property:

- Christ Thomsen, Parks and Recreation Department
- Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department Director

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions about the Opportunity Council CDBG Microenterprise grant program, and the funds to be used for the additional design work for the NW Annex redevelopment and the Plantation Rifle Range roof and HVAC project.

Frazeys motion that the Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2021-155](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Lease Agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Brian Mellema for the annual amount of \$3,537.53 (Council Acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Browne moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2021-172](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for coordinated administration of the GRACE Program, in the amount of \$280,000

Frazeys moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION.

Anne Deacon, Health Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions.

Frazeys motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR

AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2021-178](#) Resolution to seek funding for the Lummi Island Ferry Modernization and Preservation project, including the BUILD grant program

Frazey moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.

The following people briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions about the propulsion system on the new ferry:

- Rhayma Blake, Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee
- Roland Middleton, Public Works Department
- Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director
- Elizabeth Kosa, Public Works Department

Frazey's motion that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2021-127](#) Resolution to set hearing and notice of hearing on sale of county tax title property
Steve Oliver, County Treasurer, clarified that AB2021-129 (the next agenda item) was withdrawn at the request of the applicant but this item was not withdrawn.

**Frazey moved that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL.
The motion carried by the following vote:**

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2021-129](#) Resolution to set hearing and notice of hearing on sale of county tax title property

This agenda item was WITHDRAWN.

3. [AB2021-157](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment

between Whatcom County and Fire Protection District #7 to extend the agreement through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$296,995

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, stated he was working to get staff connected to the meeting to answer questions and asked if they could wait.

Browne then went to the next agenda item (AB2021-159) to give staff time to join the meeting. See below for the motion and vote on this item (AB2021-157).

4. [AB2021-159](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Patrol to lease tower access at the WSP Sumas Mountain Communications Site for a period of 10 years in the amount of \$15,304.28

Browne moved on to this agenda item to give staff time to join the meeting to discuss AB2021-157. Staff joined the meeting right after the reading of this item into the record so he went back to AB2021-157 (see below).

3. [AB2021-157](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and Fire Protection District #7 to extend the agreement through December 31, 2022 in the amount of \$296,995

Mike Hilley, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Manager, answered what the fire district (and specifically a paramedic) is doing as it relates to the Ground Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) program and what response work is.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Frazey

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

4. [AB2021-159](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Patrol to lease tower access at the WSP Sumas Mountain Communications Site for a period of 10 years in the amount of \$15,304.28

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR

AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT.

The motion carried by the following vote: 3-0

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazey and Browne

Nay: 0

Clerk's note: Committee members took a vote on this item but thought they were voting on a different item. This vote was redone below.

5. [AB2021-162](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Lookout Mountain Holdings to lease tower access at the Lookout Mountain North Tower Site for four years and seven months for a total amount of \$51,332.73

Browne read the agenda item (AB2021-162), but other members of the committee requested to go back and vote on AB2021-159 again because some of them thought they were voting on a different agenda item. See below for motion and vote on this item (AB2021-162).

4. [AB2021-159](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Patrol to lease tower access at the WSP Sumas Mountain Communications Site for a period of 10 years in the amount of \$15,304.28

Browne read AB2021-159 into the record.

Frazey moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2021-162](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Lookout Mountain Holdings to lease tower access at the Lookout Mountain North Tower Site for four years and seven months for a total amount of \$51,332.73

Browne moved that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2021-170](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and SeaMar Community Health Centers to provide funding for an additional GRACE Program Case Manager in the amount of \$92,875 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,712,583

Frazey moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT.

Anne Deacon, Health Department, answered questions about the case manager and Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Frazey's motion that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2021-183](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Mt Constitution Sites, Inc to lease tower access at the Mt Constitution site for the period of five years in the amount of \$111,000

Frazey moved that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Rud Browne-via email 4/5/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Rud Browne, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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