

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

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 3:10 P.M.

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

2:40 PM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Todd Donovan
Carol Frazey

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee member Carol Frazey called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Carol Frazey, Todd Donovan and Rud Browne

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

Special Order of Business

1. [AB2021-071](#) Nomination and appointment of committee chair

Donovan moved that Frazey be NOMINATED AND APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Frazey, Donovan and Browne

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Frazey was appointed as Committee Chair and continued the meeting.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2021-073](#) Discussion of proposed ordinance authorizing the closure of a portion of 4th Street in Custer, Washington, related to COVID-19 economic relief

Donovan moved that the Ordinance be recommended to the full Council.

Elenbaas briefed the Councilmembers on the proposed ordinance. He stated it is written as a regular ordinance but he would like to see it go through as an emergency ordinance.

The following staff discussed the proposed ordinance with the Councilmembers:

- Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director
- Jim Karcher, Public Works Department
- Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office

They discussed whether a road closure is needed, doing a temporary right-of-way permit, how the ordinance should proceed, whether it meets

the criteria of an emergency ordinance, and whether policy should be written and brought forward to establish limitations on these types of situations.

Donovan withdrew his motion because the ordinance is scheduled for introduction tonight.

Karcher stated they could do a temporary right-of-way permit and let the ordinance go through its regular process.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Carol Frazey-via email 1/29/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Carol Frazey, Committee Chair

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