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ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its February 25, 2025, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2025-005) ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLES 20 & 22 TO ENACT SSB 5290 REGARDING LOCAL PROJECT REVIEW (AB2025-059)**: This ordinance adopts amendments to Whatcom County Code Titles 20 & 22 to enact SSB 5290 regarding local project review and fix some additional deficiencies in Title 22. This ordinance was introduced on January 14, 2025. **ORDINANCE (2025-006) AUTHORIZING A REVISION TO THE UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE (AB2025-145)**: This ordinance revises the Unified Fee Schedule to accommodate changes to the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Ordinance and Whatcom County Code 2.27A. This ordinance was introduced on February 11, 2025. **ORDINANCE (2025-007) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.27A, AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) (AB2025-147)**: This ordinance revises Whatcom County Code 2.27A, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to create new risk-based classes of watercraft. This ordinance was introduced on February 11, 2025. **ORDINANCE (2025-008) CLOSING THE SHALLOW SHORE CULVERT RELOCATION FUND 3917 (AB2025-160)**: This ordinance closes the Shallow Shore Culvert Relocation Fund 3917 and returns the remaining funds of \$172,283.99 to the Real Estate Excise Tax II fund. This ordinance was introduced on February 11, 2025. **ORDINANCE (2025-009) AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND JUSTICE FACILITY, REQUEST NO. 7 (AB2025-162)**: This ordinance appropriates an additional \$1,000,000 of expenditure authority to fund critical upcoming consultant contracts including but not limited to owner's representative services, wetland mitigation consulting, geotechnical engineering, and traffic analysis, for a new project budget of \$10,816,280. This ordinance was introduced on February 11, 2025. **ORDINANCE (2025-010) AMENDING THE 2025 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 2, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,751,265 (AB2025-164)**: This ordinance amends the 2025 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund: appropriate \$76,500 in Council to fund Professional Services for Investigative Committee; appropriate \$12,500 in District Court to fund increases for Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center contract; appropriate \$52,509 in Executive to fund two vacant reclassified positions, companion to Supplemental #4888; appropriate \$22,500 in Health to fund recovery navigator in 2025 (Jan-July); appropriate \$72,100 in Health to fund Substance Use Disorder professional with grant proceeds; appropriate \$20,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Sustainable Connections Program with Whatcom Housing Alliance; record a decrease in appropriation of \$52,509 in Non-Departmental to fund companion for two reclassified vacancies, companion to #4887; appropriate \$47,210 in Non-Departmental to fund companion for Facilities Coordinator I, companion to #4850 and #4889; appropriate \$190,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Office of Health Study from grant proceeds. From the Emergency Management Fund: appropriate \$353,853 in Sheriff to fund community service and recovery following November 21, 2024 Weather Event from grant proceeds; appropriate \$121,500 in Sheriff to fund Bomb Cyclone 2024 Individual Assistance from grant proceeds. From the Parks Special Revenue Fund: appropriate \$290,000 to fund Hovander Homestead Park's Vision Plan. From the Homeless Housing Fund: appropriate \$679,750 to fund underspent 2024 Consolidated Homeless Grant proceeds. From the Behavioral Health Program Fund: appropriate \$81,420 to fund Overdose Data Action 2025 program from grant proceeds. From the County Road Fund: appropriate \$3,080 to fund road fund companion for ferry insurance, companion to #4872. From the Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund: appropriate \$85,000 in Parks & Recreation to fund Samish park Pedestrian Bridge Replacement; appropriate \$955,363 in Parks & Recreation to fund Van Zandt Community Hall Renovation. From the Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund: appropriate \$70,000 to fund reappropriation of Prosecuting Attorney tenant improvements. From the Public Utilities Improvement Fund: appropriate \$700,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Habitat Land acquisition; appropriate \$376,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Atwood Culvert replacement. From the Ferry System Fund: appropriate \$6,844 to fund ferry insurance increase, companion to #4873. From the Administrative Services Fund: record a labor pool request with a net \$0 expenditure in AS-Facilities Management to fund Facilities Coordinator 1 position; appropriate \$47,210 in AS-Facilities Management to fund Facilities Coordinator 1, companion to #4850 and #4890. From the Equipment Rental Fund: appropriate \$540,435 to fund Prisoner Transport. This ordinance was introduced on February 11, 2025. **ORDINANCE (2025-011) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.123 FORESTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AB2025-120)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 2.123 to revise the composition of committee membership, stagger membership terms, and clarify the committee's scope of work. This ordinance was introduced on February 11, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on March 11, 2025, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 1.28 STANDARDS FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES (AB2025-183)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 1.28 Standards for Correctional Facilities, replacing the entirety of the code with new standards to be in compliance with current legislation, case law, and modern correctional standards. This ordinance was introduced on February 25, 2025. **ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 2.05, ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEM REGULATIONS (AB2025-149)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 24.05, Onsite Sewage System Regulations, to adopt changes required by Washington State administrative code WAC 246-272A and to reflect onsite sewage system management best practices. This ordinance was introduced on February 11, 2025.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on March 11, 2025, or at a later date: **RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2006 BIRCH BAY COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER PLAN TO INCLUDE FOUR SUBWATERSHED MASTER PLANS (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE WHATCOM COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS) (AB2025-171)**: This resolution amends the Birch Bay Comprehensive Stormwater Plan to include four subwatershed master plans and adopts the plan as an agency SEPA policy under the State Environmental Policy Act. This resolution was introduced on February 25, 2025.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at whatcomcounty.us/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.
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Mary Castro, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he/she is the Principal Clerk of The Bellingham Herald, a daily newspaper printed and published in Bellingham, Whatcom County, State of Washington, and having a general circulation therein, and which said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said County during a period of six months prior to the first publication of the notice, a copy of which is attached hereto: that said notice was published in The Bellingham Herald, as amended, for:

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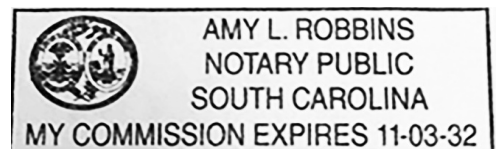
Mary Castro

(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 6th day of March in the year of 2025 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Mary Castro known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Amy Robbins

Notary Public in and for the state of South Carolina, residing in Beaufort County



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