

Whatcom County Council

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Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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360.778.5010) - AGENDA REVISED 7.12.2022**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, introduced and announced the recent hiring of Kayla Schott-Bresler as the New Strategic Initiatives Manager.

MINUTES CONSENT

Byrd moved to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded by Frazey (see votes on individual items below).

1. [MIN2022-042](#) Committee of the Whole for June 21, 2022

Byrd moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [MIN2022-043](#) Regular County Council for June 21, 2022

Byrd moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [AB2022-283](#) Resolution authorizing the transfer of Whatcom County surplus property

Council staff played a short instructional video about how to speak at the meeting.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions about the transfer process.

Buchanan opened the Public Hearing and the following people spoke:

- Lyle Sorenson
- Jerry Burns
- Todd Lagestee
- Hannah Ordos
- Cliff Langley
- Misty Flowers
- Melissa Wisener
- Karla Rae

Hearing no one else, Buchanan closed the Public Hearing.

Donovan moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered whether leasing the land back to the Opportunity Council (OC) was considered and whether the County routinely considers that when they are looking at disposing of surplus property, whether the Opportunity Council can turn around and sell the property down the road, whether this would be for senior housing, whether there are qualifications for who qualifies as a senior, whether \$800,000 is what the County is not spending by going forward with the transaction, and whether that amount can be different from the appraised value because it is for the public good.

Councilmembers and Schroeder discussed the loss of faith in the Opportunity Council because of how they have handled the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center and the 22 North building, whether this is a \$6 million project overall, whether the County should relinquish the asset, the recent House bill that the legislature passed that gave us the ability to surplus a piece of property like this if it will be used for affordable housing, and whether the County has done projects like this before since this is just a recent law.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, spoke about concerns that were brought up

about the Opportunity Council not allowing the Council to tour a facility and stated they are valid but we should not mix these two issues.

Councilmembers and the speakers discussed the need in our county for childcare and affordable housing for seniors, the full cost of the project, the cost per unit and per childcare slot, whether we are giving the Opportunity Council \$3.2 million in cash and now a \$1.2 million property, whether the County put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the project, what the last project was that the County partnered with the OC to build, requests to the OC for 22 North financials and data on positive outcomes that have not been fulfilled, whether the County is just doing this to free up American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to use for another project, whether the County is unwilling to pursue other ways to fix the problems of childcare and housing that may not even cost money such as common sense land use policies, what the operational costs will be and how they will be paid for, and whether the OC would do this for the \$1.2 million market rate.

Kershner moved to amend it to the market rate instead of \$800,000. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Byrd stated the Opportunity Council is getting the property for free and Kershner started to withdraw her motion but then stated her motion would stand if the Opportunity Council will reimburse the County for the \$1.2 or the market rate.

Councilmembers, Schroeder, and Sidhu discussed the motion, whether the only way they can get the \$800,000 ARPA funds is if they show a loss on the property, whether they could still sell the property for \$1.2 and get the \$800,000, how property taxes would work on this parcel into the future, whether we have time to table this to get these additional questions answered, whether it would tank the project and lose the \$20,000,000 leverage from other sources if the OC learned they were going to be on the hook for \$1.2 million, and the current value of the property after all the money that has been put into it.

Donovan moved to call the question.

The motion to call the question carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, and Buchanan

Nay: 0

Kershner restated her motion to ask the Administration to go back to the

Opportunity Council and request market rate for this property.

The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Elenbaas, Kershner, and Byrd

Nay: 4 - Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Buchanan

Donovan's motion that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

Absent: 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-032

OPEN SESSION

Council staff played a short instructional video about how to speak at the meeting and the following people spoke:

- Markis Dee Stidham
- Cliff Langley
- Jerry Burns
- Todd Lagestee
- Misty Flowers
- Barbara Powers
- Klaus Klix
- Lyle Sorenson
- Mary Stidham
- Robert Bystrom
- Name not stated
- Hannah Ordos
- Natalie Chavez
- Karla Rae
- Skip Hamilton
- Melissa Wisener
- Doug "Yoshe" Revelle
- Richard Johnson
- Richard Tran

Hearing no one else, Buchanan closed the Open Session.

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and ***moved*** to approve Consent Agenda items one and three through thirteen and to pull out item two.

Elenbaas requested to pull out Consent Agenda items nine and ten as well.

Councilmembers voted on Consent Agenda items one, three through eight, and eleven through thirteen (see votes on individual items below). Then they considered items one, nine and ten separately below.

1. [AB2022-362](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services to support shelter operations in the amount of \$1,500 for a total amended contract amount of \$41,000

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2022-366](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to support the youth and young adult vocational program in the amount of \$25,900 for a total amended contract amount of \$51,800

This item was considered separately. See motion and vote below after the other Consent Agenda Items.

3. [AB2022-374](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #22-29 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Western Refinery Services, Inc. for the 2022 and 2023 Swift Creek Channel Excavation in the amount of \$478,878.76

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Bid Award be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2022-376](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award Bid #22-36 and enter into a

contract between Whatcom County and Tiger Construction for the Maple Beach Seawall Repair in the amount of \$79,500

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Bid Award be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-386](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to provide funding to support behavioral health services to Medicaid-insured individuals in Whatcom County in the amount of \$484,460 for a total amended agreement amount of \$2,333,280

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2022-389](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into Contract Amendment No. 2 between Whatcom County and Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc. to perform engineering design services for the Truck Road Stabilization Project in the amount of \$340,647.54 for a total amended contract amount of \$559,088.81

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2022-391](#) Request permission for the County Executive to award bid #22-41 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Granite Construction Company for the Hot Mix Asphalt Pre-Level at Various Locations, Work Order No. 21565, in the amount of \$429,890.00

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Bid Award be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion

carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2022-392](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #22-26 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Granite Construction Company for the Birch Bay Drive and Harborview Road Pavement Repair Project, CRP No. 922019, in the amount of \$274,910

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Bid Award be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

9. [AB2022-393](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to reduce an ARPA funded grant award to \$200,000

This item was considered separately. See motion and vote below after the other Consent Agenda Items.

10. [AB2022-395](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health for the delivery and funding of various public health services in the amount of \$819,759, for a total amended agreement amount of \$6,779,654

This item was considered separately. See motion and vote below after the other Consent Agenda Items.

11. [AB2022-396](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Island County to support participation in planning and engagement in youth cannabis and tobacco prevention strategies and activities, in the amount of \$25,000

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

12. [AB2022-397](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and United General Public Hospital District 304 to support participation in coordinating and implementing regional youth leadership opportunities in the amount of \$20,350 for a total amended contract amount of \$172,634

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

13. [AB2022-399](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Reisner Distributor, Inc. to provide magnetic card lock fuel service for Whatcom County fleet vehicles at Pacific Pride fueling stations in the amount of \$600,000.00

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

2. [AB2022-366](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to support the youth and young adult vocational program in the amount of \$25,900 for a total amended contract amount of \$51,800

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be HELD IN COMMITTEE. The motion was seconded by Elenbaas.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

9. [AB2022-393](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment

between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to reduce an ARPA funded grant award to \$200,000

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the Contract be AUTHORIZED.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Byrd's motion that the Contract be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

10. [AB2022-395](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health for the delivery and funding of various public health services in the amount of \$819,759, for a total amended agreement amount of \$6,779,654

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED.

Councilmembers discussed what the funding is for.

Byrd's motion that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Kershner

Absent: 0

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2022-369](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Purchase and Sale agreement between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for the transfer of property at 1000 N. Forest St. at no cost for public benefit purposes consistent with RCW 39.33.015

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Agreement be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

Absent: 0

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

2. [AB2022-365](#) Ordinance providing for submission to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposition renewing the levy of a regular property tax at a rate of \$.199 or less per \$1000 assessed valuation (amended from original request of \$.295) to continue to provide emergency medical services

Buchanan reported for the Committee of the Whole and **moved** that the Ordinance be WITHDRAWN.

Elenbaas stated this is a responsible plan and probably has the best chance of passing. He would not like to withdraw this item.

Buchanan's motion that the Ordinance be WITHDRAWN carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Kershner

Absent: 0

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2022-337](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee, Resident/Landowner position - Applicant(s): Mary Marshall, Bill Sager, Lee Mosley
Frazey moved and Donovan seconded that they consider all the applicants.

Councilmembers voted as follows:

Elenbaas - Mary Marshall

Frazey - Mary Marshall

Galloway - Mary Marshall

Kershner - Mary Marshall

Buchanan - Mary Marshall

Byrd - Mary Marshall

Donovan - Mary Marshall

Mary Marshall was APPOINTED.

Mary Marshall was appointed with seven votes.

2. [AB2022-343](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Marine Trades position - Applicant(s): Dana Wilson

Byrd moved and Galloway seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be APPOINTED by acclamation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

1. [AB2022-385](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Bennett Knox as Director of Parks & Recreation effective 9/6/22 pursuant to Whatcom County Code Section 2.29.020

Donovan moved and Buchanan seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, stated that Bennett may not be in the audience because of the time and the time zone difference in Louisville, Kentucky and he spoke about the applicant and other candidates for the position. He answered questions about the effective date of the Executive's appointment (as noted in the item title), and whether future directors could present to the Council before being confirmed.

Byrd moved to hold this item until Mr. Bennett can join us for a Zoom conversation. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, stated they would follow this process for other director positions.

Donovan stated he would feel weird as the applicant for the legislative body to hold off on a contract that has been negotiated to hire them. He will abstain.

Councilmembers discussed the process for confirmation of Executive appointments that is outlined in the Whatcom County Charter and Whatcom County Code.

Councilmembers voted on the motion (see vote below).

Sidhu answered what the make-up of the interview committee was if there was one, and whether Councilmembers should be on the selection committee.

Frazey thanked Human Resources for their efforts.

This item was HELD and REFERRED TO COMMITTEE. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Donovan

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

There were no agenda items added by revision.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Donovan moved to introduce items one through four. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated that **AB2022-382** was added to introduction (as item number five).

Donovan started to change his motion and *move* to introduce items one through five but Buchanan asked if they wanted to discuss **AB2022-382** separately.

Byrd moved to introduce items one through four. The motion was seconded by Donovan (withdrawing Donovan's original motion).

Kershner requested to pull out Introduction item number one (**AB2022-387**) and to consider it separately.

Councilmembers voted on Introduction items two, three, and four (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2022-387](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 10, in the amount of \$4,085,565

This item was considered separately. See motion and vote below.

2. [AB2022-380](#) Ordinance granting Cascade Natural Gas Corporation a franchise for the transportation of natural gas in Whatcom County

Byrd moved and Donovan seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-371](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Forestry Advisory Committee, Commercial Forest Landowner position - Applicant(s): Susan David

Byrd moved and Donovan seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2022-388](#) Resolution amending the 2022 Flood Control Zone District & Subzones 2022 budget, request no. 4 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Byrd moved and Donovan seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-382](#) Ordinance providing for submission to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposition renewing the levy of a regular property tax at a rate of \$.295 or less per \$1000 assessed valuation to continue to provide emergency medical services

This item was considered separately. See motion and vote below.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

1. [AB2022-387](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 10, in the amount of \$4,085,565

Donovan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance be Introduced.

Kershner asked that the Health Department come to talk about the Ukrainian refugee program, how many people they are expecting, and where we are going to settle them when we have no housing for the people that are living in Whatcom County right now. She wants to pull that out of the supplemental and have it be considered separately.

Kershner moved to pull the Ukrainian refugee program out of the supplemental. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Councilmembers discussed the motion and whether this ordinance can be introduced tonight without the one item.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, gave a background on the program. He answered whether the Council needs to move faster on the item to be pulled, and where the money is coming from. He stated they will have someone come to speak on the program and it can be introduced at the next meeting.

Kershner stated she made a mistake in thinking that this was part of the Health Department. It is non-departmental and out of the General Fund. It is a grant from the State.

The motion to remove the item from the Ordinance carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Kershner, Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 1 - Donovan

Donovan's motion that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED AS AMENDED carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Motion approved to pull the Ukrainian refugee program out of the supplemental.

5. [AB2022-382](#) Ordinance providing for submission to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposition renewing the levy of a regular property tax at a rate of \$.295 or less per \$1000 assessed valuation to continue to provide emergency medical services

Donovan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED.

Frazey asked whether they need to deal with the substitute levy plan separately.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated the reference to the levy plan is in the Ordinance they are introducing so the Council should vote on that motion from Committee that amended the levy plan.

Donovan withdrew his motion.

Donovan moved to adopt the levy plan that was in our agenda packet as “Substitute Levy Plan (Frazey) for July 12.”

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Buchanan

Nay: 2 - Byrd and Kershner

Donovan moved and Galloway seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

Absent: 0

Motion approved to adopt the levy plan “Substitute Levy Plan (Frazey) for July 12.”

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Buchanan reported on the Committee of the Whole Executive Session and *moved* to authorize the County Executive to move forward with and complete the acquisition of the property and to lease a portion of the property as long as the purchase price of the property does not exceed the amount discussed in Executive Session.

The motion was seconded by Frazey.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, Buchanan, Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Councilmembers gave committee reports.

Kershner reported for the Public Works Committee and *moved* to inquire with Berk regarding broad data of the report and the basis for the recommendations, specifically as it applies to the Health Board make-up.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Galloway, Kershner, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Frazey

Nay: 0

Kershner moved that the Council ask Berk and Associates to review the

scope of work to ensure they have accomplished all of the tasks of helping Whatcom County be ready for the next emergency.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Kershner, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 0

Councilmembers continued committee reports.

Elenbaas spoke about the inclusive language in the levy plan they just approved and whether it should also apply to religious beliefs or health choices.

Buchanan spoke about a meeting tomorrow (July 13, 2022) at 1 pm with Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC).

Motions from Committee Reports:

FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion approved 6-1, with Elenbaas opposed, to authorize the County Executive to move forward with and complete the acquisition of the property and to lease a portion of the property as long as the purchase price of the property does not exceed the amount discussed in Executive Session.

FROM PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Motion approved 7-0 to inquire with Berk regarding broad data of the report and the basis for the recommendations, specifically as it applies to the Health Board make-up.

Motion approved 7-0 that the Council ask Berk and Associates to review the scope of work to ensure they have accomplished all of the tasks of helping Whatcom County be ready for the next emergency.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription