

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, VIEW ONLINE, OR REGISTER TO SPEAK REMOTELY - PLEASE SEE AGENDA NOTES UNDER "ANNOUNCEMENTS", "OPEN SESSION", OR "PUBLIC HEARINGS" FOR MORE INFORMATION)

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council is currently holding meetings in hybrid format with options for in-person or remote viewing and participation. For instructions on remote participation, visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register by 8 a.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link. Individuals who require special assistance to participate in the Council's meetings are asked to contact the Council Office at 360.778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance.

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The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2024-010](#) Committee of the Whole for February 20, 2024
2. [MIN2024-011](#) Regular County Council for February 20, 2024
3. [MIN2024-012](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for March 5, 2024
4. [MIN2024-013](#) Committee of the Whole for March 5, 2024
5. [MIN2024-014](#) Regular County Council for March 5, 2024

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Participants requesting to speak during public hearings may attend in person. To speak remotely, please visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register by 8 a.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link.

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 who have registered to speak remotely.

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1. [AB2024-126](#) Ordinance granting the Port of Bellingham a non-exclusive franchise to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate, use and similar activities related to telecommunication facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow the provision of telecommunication services
2. [AB2024-127](#) Ordinance granting the Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County, a non-exclusive franchise to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate, use and similar activities related to telecommunication facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow the provision of telecommunications services
3. [AB2024-160](#) Ordinance establishing a temporary closure of Truck Road
4. [AB2024-166](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 8.10, Solid Waste and Residential Recycling Collection

OPEN SESSION

Participants requesting to speak during open session may attend in person. To speak remotely, please visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register by 8 a.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link.

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. 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 who have registered to speak remotely.

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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. [AB2024-186](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Technical College to exchange no-cost, internal Diversity, Equity and Inclusion assessments of each other's organizations
2. [AB2024-188](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Central Consulting LLC to provide strategic consultation services related to implementation of the Healthy Children's Fund in the amount of \$30,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$45,000
3. [AB2024-189](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal contract amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Everson to extend the term of the Jail Use Agreement until December 31, 2024
4. [AB2024-192](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health to fund various public health programs in the decreased amount of \$531,200 for a total amended agreement amount of \$13,893,641

5. [AB2024-193](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Sumas for implementation of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Agreement to purchase twelve flood-damaged properties, one of which is in the City of Sumas (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
6. [AB2024-194](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families to provide funding for the Nurse Family Partnership Program in the amount of \$36,123.01 for a total amended contract amount of \$414,618.60
7. [AB2024-202](#) 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 fund the Recovery Navigator Program to enhance LEAD programming in the amount of \$154,000 for a total amended agreement amount of \$666,455

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-179](#) Ordinance establishing a project-based budget for the Unity Street Acquisition Project Fund
2. [AB2024-180](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5 in the amount of \$9,827,008
3. [AB2024-178](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District & Subzones 2024 budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$564,477 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

4. [AB2024-095](#) Resolution approving the Whatcom County Water District No. 2 Water System Plan

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

5. [AB2024-209](#) Resolution supporting a Whatcom County ferry rate increase and allocation of American Rescue Plan Funds

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. [AB2024-198](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Mark McDonald to the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board

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. [AB2024-210](#) Ordinance calling for the election of Charter Review Commissioners at the November 2024 General Election
2. [AB2024-173](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 15, Buildings & Construction, to adopt by reference the 2021 Editions of the International Building, Residential, Mechanical, Fuel gas, existing building, fire codes, and the national fuel gas, Washington State Energy, uniform plumbing, & liquified petroleum gas codes, and the 1997 uniform code for the abatement of dangerous buildings, as amended as set forth herein, as required by RCW Chapter 19.27
3. [AB2024-201](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Section 1.14, Electoral Precincts, with newly established voting precinct boundaries for Whatcom County
4. [AB2024-208](#) Ordinance adopting Whatcom County Code Title 20, zoning code amendments relating to allowing propane reload, storage, and distribution facilities in the agriculture zone as a conditional use
5. [AB2024-191](#) Receipt of application for a vacancy on the Surface Mining Advisory Committee, potable domestic groundwater supply representative, Applicant(s): Carl Isom-McDaniel (Additional applications for this position are due at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.)
6. [AB2024-211](#) Clarification of Council appointment and receipt of application to vacancies on the Justice Project Oversight and Planning Committee, Applicant(s): Scott Ryckman, Richard Gleason, and Tawsha Thompson (Deadline for additional applications to these positions is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2023.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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