

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

7 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barbara Brenner
Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Carol Frazey
Satpal Sidhu

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTIONS 2.02.040 AND 2.02.060, THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL APPLY DURING ALL COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Section 2.02.040 Meetings – General rules.

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E. All council and council committee meetings shall be conducted pursuant to The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, latest edition, except when in conflict with the standing rules of the council.

L. During an open session or public hearing, audience members will be given three minutes to address the council.

M. Cell phones shall be silenced and cell phone conversations shall be prohibited within the confines of the council chambers during meetings.

N. Placards, signs, applause, or other distractions shall not be allowed in the council chambers without the consent of the council chair.

O. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks, or who becomes boisterous, while attending a council or council committee meeting may be requested to leave the meeting and may be forthwith, by the presiding officer, barred from further audience before the council during that meeting.

2.02.060 Meetings – Decorum of debate.

A. Any councilmember desiring to speak shall first be recognized by the chair, and shall confine his or her remarks to the specific subject under consideration or to be considered. The councilmember who has proposed a motion or the committee member who has presented a report shall be allowed the first opportunity to explain the motion or report, and usually is allowed to speak last on it. No member or small group of members shall be permitted to monopolize the discussion on a question. If a member has already spoken and other members wish to speak, they should be recognized in preference to the member who has already spoken on a question.

B. Councilmembers shall address each other as “councilmember” and the council chair shall be addressed as “chair.”

C. Staff members, presenters, and the general public shall be addressed as Mr., Mrs., Ms., or by their official or honorary title.

D. When two or more councilmembers desire to speak at the same time, the chair shall name the member who shall have the floor.

E. When a councilmember is speaking, no other member shall hold discourse which may interrupt the speaker except to raise a point of order. The chair should insist that every member be attentive to the business before the assembly.

F. Councilmembers shall have time to explain any motion they intend to make. All motions will begin with the words, "I move" and must receive a second prior to being put to a vote.

G. When it appears that all councilmembers who wish to speak have done so, the chair shall inquire, "Is there any further discussion?" If there is not, the question is put to a vote.

H. To bring a question to immediate vote, a councilmember may move to close debate. If more than one motion is pending, the motion to close debate should specify the pending motions to which it applies (main motion, motion to amend, etc.). The motion to close debate cannot interrupt a speaker, is not debatable, and requires an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the councilmembers in attendance. The motion to close debate should be used in moderation, as members cannot be expected to maintain interest in an organization if they are frequently denied the right to participate in its deliberations.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you will be handing out paperwork to councilmembers, please give one copy to the clerk for our office files. Thank you.

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2019-020](#) Special County Council for February 20, 2019
2. [MIN2019-021](#) Surface Water Work Session for February 19, 2019
3. [MIN2019-022](#) Special County Council for February 26, 2019
4. [MIN2019-023](#) Regular County Council for February 26, 2019

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. [AB2019-162](#) Prosecuting Attorney Eric Richey to share his platform for reform

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Audience members who wish to address the council during a public hearing are asked to sign up at the back of the room before the meeting begins. The council chair will ask those who have signed up to form a line at the podium. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and optionally include city of residence. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments. 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.

1. [AB2019-021](#) Ordinance granting Deer Creek Water Association a franchise and the right, privilege, and authority thereunder to locate, set, erect, lay, construct, extend, support, attach, connect, maintain, repair, replace, enlarge, operate and use facilities in, upon, over, under, along, across and through the franchise area to allow for the provision of water services

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

During open session, audience members can speak to the council on any issue not scheduled for public hearing. Each speaker should state his or her name for the record and optionally include city of residence. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the council. Council staff will keep track of time limits and inform speakers when they have thirty seconds left to conclude their comments.

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2019-147](#) Ordinance amending the 2019-2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$95,521
2. [AB2019-140](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District to provide Lake Whatcom Homeowner Incentive Program assistance, in the amount of \$216,883
3. [AB2019-152](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for GRACE Program funding, in the amount of \$140,000
4. [AB2019-157](#) Request approval for the County Executive to authorize the purchase of radios and related accessories from RACOM Corporation, an authorized distributor for Harris RFCD, using the Washington State Contract #02315, in an amount not to exceed \$59,091.90
5. [AB2019-161](#) Resolution celebrating April as a month of Sikh awareness and appreciation in Whatcom County

(From Council Special Committee of the Whole)

6. [AB2019-148](#) Resolution docketing comprehensive plan and development regulation amendments

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2019-145](#) Appointment to the Whatcom County Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District Committee, applicant: Julie Hirsch (the Committee advises the County Council on proposed actions and operations relating to the restoration of water quality in the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District)
2. [AB2019-149](#) Appointment to the Whatcom County Surface Mining Advisory Committee, Environmental Consultant position - Applicant: Shannon Logan (the Committee advises the Planning Department and the Council on implementing a surface mining regulatory program consistent with the Comprehensive Plan)

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. [AB2019-150](#) Ordinance Increasing Sheriff's Office Petty Cash Fund
2. [AB2019-156](#) Ordinance to Repeal Ordinance 2019-017
3. [AB2019-153](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 6.04 Animal Control, Chapter 6.04.020 Definitions and 6.04.031 Administration and Enforcement

4. [AB2019-160](#) Ordinance amending the 2019 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$2,260,652
5. [AB2019-158](#) Resolution and Public Hearing regarding support for a Community Development Block Grant funding application
6. [AB2019-159](#) Resolution requesting Council authorization of the release of covenants on the property known as the Playground Tract, Bennett Hill supplemental

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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