

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Minutes - Draft Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**7 PM**

**Council Chambers**

### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Rud Browne  
Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

**Absent:** None

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MINUTES CONSENT

*Donovan moved* to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded (see votes on individual items below).

1. [MIN2020-030](#) Health Board for February 4, 2020

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [MIN2020-033](#) Special Committee of the Whole for February 11, 2020

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

3. [MIN2020-034](#) Regular County Council for February 11, 2020

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

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

**Nay:** 0

Absent: 0

### **OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)**

The following people spoke:

- Shannon Wright thanked the Council for recent funding approval for RE Sources for Sustainable Communities, spoke about who RE Sources is, and recent comments made about RE Sources.
- Allison Calder spoke about recycling in Point Roberts and submitted a handout (on file).
- Louise Cassidy spoke about garbage and recycling issues in Point Roberts.
- Madeline Parrish spoke about pre-trial risk assessments.
- John Lesow spoke about a proposal to engage with Canada about purchasing Point Roberts.
- Rhayma Blake spoke about the Whatcom County Ferry.
- Jim Dickenson spoke about the Whatcom County Ferry.
- Jim Calder spoke about garbage in Point Roberts.
- Max Perry spoke about the Whatcom County Ferry and the jail.
- Robin Dexter spoke about recent comments made about RE Sources.
- Dave morrow spoke about the allowance of ski boats on Lake Samish.
- Patrick Alesse spoke about garbage issues in Point Roberts.
- Annette Madden spoke about garbage issues in Point Roberts.

Buchanan closed the Open Session.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2020-089](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots and Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2020-076](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount

of \$792,558

**Byrd** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. He explained that he would not be supporting the ordinance because of the costs of funding improvements of the trailer in Point Roberts and the proposed budget for the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility.

Donovan stated there is a project list for the Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility budget.

**Byrd's motion that the Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, and Frazey

**Nay:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2020-006

**(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)**

3. [AB2020-094](#) Resolution amending the membership of the Homeless Strategies Workgroup

**Frazey reported for the Public Works Committee and moved that the Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2020-010

**(No Committee Assignment)**

4. [AB2020-100](#) Appointment of one Councilmember to serve on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) for the Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment

Buchanan stated he would like to volunteer for the position.

**Browne nominated Buchanan and moved that he be APPOINTED. The motion was seconded. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2020-065](#) Appointment to fill one vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Higher Education - applicants: Eva Schulte and CJ Seitz  
  
**Byrd moved** to nominate CJ Seitz. The motion was seconded.  
**Frazey moved** to nominate Eva Schulte. The motion was seconded.  
  
Councilmembers discussed the appointment and the fact that the appointee will be a non-voting member.  
  
CJ Seitz was appointed by the following vote:  
**Seitz:** 4 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas  
**Schulte:** 2- Frazey, Kershner  
**Neither:** 1 - Donovan  
  
**CJ Seitz was APPOINTED.**
2. [AB2020-085](#) Appointment to fill one Special District vacancy on the Consolidated Drainage Improvement District #31 Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Position 3 - applicant(s): Vernon Dykstra  
  
**Byrd moved and Kershner seconded that Vernon Dykstra be NOMINATED AND APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
  
**Aye:** 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner  
  
**Nay:** 0  
  
**Absent:** 0
3. [AB2020-078](#) Appointments to fill vacancy on the Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources management Advisory (BBWARM) Committee - Applicant: Jackie Bourgault (Council Acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)  
  
**Kershner moved that the Council Appointment be APPOINTED. The motion was seconded. The motion carried by the following vote:**  
  
**Aye:** 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner  
  
**Nay:** 0  
  
**Absent:** 0

**EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2020-090](#) Request confirmation of the Executive's appointments of Diana Phair, Hadrian Starr and Marc Walker to the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee

**Donovan moved and Frazey seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## **INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

*Donovan moved* to introduce items one through two. The motion was seconded (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2020-092](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code (WCC) 2.150, Whatcom County Veterans' Advisory Board, and WCC 2.152, Veterans' Assistance Program

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

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2020-086](#) Ordinance granting Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, a non-exclusive franchise for the provision of wireless telecommunications services

**Donovan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

Councilmembers gave committee reports and updates on recent activities and upcoming events.

*Kershner moved* to establish a work group with membership including two representatives from the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee (Patricia Dunn and Rhayma Blake), two representatives from the Public Works Department (Jon Hutchings and Randy Rydell), Tyler Schroeder from the Executive's Office, and two representatives from the Council (Todd Donovan and Ben Elenbaas) as described by Roland Middleton in Public Works.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Councilmembers discussed a motion that was approved in the Planning Committee to draft a letter to the Whatcom County Business and Commerce Advisory Committee concerning their recommendations about housing.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, stated that Mark Personius, Planning and Development Services Department Director, sent an email with his responses to the committee’s recommendations and asked that the Council read that email before drafting a letter.

The motion forwarded from Planning Committee was withdrawn and ***Councilmembers concurred*** that Ben Elenbaas would draft and bring to the Council for approval a letter addressed to the Whatcom County Business and Commerce Advisory Committee stating the Council is reviewing their recommendations in collaboration with City Planners and will get back to them shortly.

Dana Brown-Davis clarified a timeline for having the City Planners come to speak to the Planning Committee about their perspective on the recommendations.

Councilmembers continued with reports and updates.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

