

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

VIRTUAL MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLIER/LATER THAN 3:50 P.M.;
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Tuesday, May 18, 2021
3:50 PM

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.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Rollcall

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

Absent: None

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2020-219](#) Discussion and update on strategies and other items related to COVID-19 (Council and Health Board)

John Wolpers, Health Department, briefed the Councilmembers on COVID-19 metrics for Whatcom County, vaccination status, and the roadmap to recovery.

He answered questions about access to vaccination for those who live in areas outside of Bellingham such as the Mt. Baker School District area and Kendall, and how the County is reaching out to them to make it easier.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2021-282](#) Discussion of ordinance granting Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless a non-exclusive franchise for the provision of wireless telecommunication services
Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers.

He and the following people answered questions:

- Christopher Quinn, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Colleen DeShazer, Verizon Wireless

They answered questions about the definition of a small wireless facility, how many there will be, and the schedule for this item going forward.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:11.

ATTEST:

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WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription