

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 14, 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.

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

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

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. [MIN2020-001](#) Regular County Council for November 19, 2019
2. [MIN2020-002](#) Special Committee of the Whole for November 19, 2019
3. [MIN2020-003](#) Committee of the Whole - Executive Session for December 3, 2019
4. [MIN2020-004](#) Regular County Council for December 3, 2019
5. [MIN2020-006](#) Regular County Council for September 24, 2019 - REVISED

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

1. [AB2020-023](#) County Executive Satpal Singh Sidhu will present remarks to Council on the commencement of his term as County Executive

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. [AB2019-480](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapters 11.16 and 11.20 to protect Lake Samish shoreline properties and Lake Samish water recreation
2. [AB2019-614](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 16.30, Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Funding Mechanism, changing the date for collection of Capital Facility Charges from January 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021

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 Natural Resources Committee)**

1. [AB2020-007](#) Resolution affirming the PDR Oversight Committee ranking and authorizing Whatcom County Purchase of Development Rights administrator and Whatcom County executive to proceed with the acquisition of agricultural conservation easements on the Roper, McLeod, TeVelde, and Hirsch Korn Applications

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

2. [AB2020-010](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the cities of Bellingham, Blaine, Everson, Ferndale, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas to govern the administration of surcharge funds generated as a result of substitute house bill 1406 and RCW 82.14.540
3. [AB2020-019](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services for community based solutions for improving the ease of access to services and resources, in the amount of \$70,000
4. [AB2020-005](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Office of the Secretary of State for the county's share of the costs of the VoteWA system in the amount of \$56,709 through June 30, 2025.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2019-627](#) Appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board of Equalization - Applicant(s): John Bruton
2. [AB2020-011](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on the Climate Impact Advisory Committee - Applicants: William Harman, Katherine Kissinger, Kaylee Galloway, Erika Nuereberg, Stevan Harrell, Philip Thomson, David Kershner, Tim Miller, Cynthia Mitchell
3. [AB2020-012](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on Drayton Harbor Shellfish Protection District - Applicant(s) George Kaas

4. [AB2020-013](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on the Horticulture Pest and Disease Board - Applicant(s): Brett Pehl
5. [AB2020-014](#) Appointments to fill vacancies on the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force - Applicants: Stephen Gockley, Greg Winter, Arlene Feld
6. [AB2020-015](#) Appointment to fill vacancy on the Whatcom County Planning Commission - Applicant(s): Jim Hansen, Francis David Fitzgerald, Alvin Scott Van Dalen, Kathy Stanford, Jeff Chalfant, Towhee Wean
7. [AB2020-016](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee - Applicant(s): Larry McCarter, Rodd Pemble
8. [AB2020-017](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on the Countywide Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee - Applicant(s): Dale Buys, Ron Bronsema, Kyle Christensen, Holly O'Neil (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
9. [AB2020-018](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on the Sumas/Everson/Nooksack Flood Control Subzone Advisory Committee - Applicant(s): Ed Bosscher
10. [AB2020-021](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on Lynden/Everson Flood Control Subzone District Advisory Committee - Applicant(s): Sherman Polinder (Council Acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
11. [AB2020-025](#) Appointment to fill vacancies on Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Public Health, Safety, and Justice Facility Needs Assessment - applicants: Heather Flaherty, Arlene Feld, Joy Gilfilen
12. [AB2020-028](#) Appointments to fill vacancies on the Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources management Advisory Committee Applicant: Donald Brown

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. [AB2020-026](#) Approval of special standing Council meeting dates (Health Board and Water Work Sessions)

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. [AB2020-020](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$1,586,506

2. [AB2020-001](#) Resolution approving Whatcom County Parks & Recreation's proposed lease of the Ostrom Conservation Site to the Nooksack Valley School District to maintain and operate the property as an outdoor education program and public site

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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