

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

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.

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. [MIN2020-030](#) Health Board for February 4, 2020
2. [MIN2020-033](#) Special Committee of the Whole for February 11, 2020
3. [MIN2020-034](#) Regular County Council for February 11, 2020

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. [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
2. [AB2020-076](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$792,558

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

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

(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

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
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
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)

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

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. [AB2020-092](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code (WCC) 2.150, Whatcom County Veterans' Advisory Board, and WCC 2.152, Veterans' Assistance Program
2. [AB2020-086](#) Ordinance granting Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, a non-exclusive franchise for the provision of wireless telecommunications services

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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