

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

**6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
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### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

County Executive Satpal Sidhu to present the 2023-2024 Whatcom County Budget Message

### MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2022-063](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for October 11, 2022
2. [MIN2022-064](#) Committee of the Whole for October 11, 2022
3. [MIN2022-065](#) Regular County Council for October 11, 2022
4. [MIN2022-066](#) Water Work Session for October 18, 2022

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2022-529](#) Ordinance approving a system of rates and charges for the Whatcom Conservation District

2. [AB2022-545](#) Resolution adopting the 2023-2028 Six-Year Water Resources Improvement Program (WRIP) by the Whatcom County Council (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
3. [AB2022-555](#) Resolution approving the Whatcom County 2023 Annual Construction Program

### **OPEN SESSION**

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. To participate, please see instructions at [www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil](http://www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil) or contact the Council Office at 360.778.5010. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. 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. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those participating remotely.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2022-563](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for Drug Task Force Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), in the amount of \$199,375.00
2. [AB2022-564](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and South Whatcom Fire Authority for fire protection services in an amount determined by the current levy rate and the assessed value of improvements on the park properties within the district
3. [AB2022-567](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority to establish an alternative response team to respond to 911 calls that do not require law enforcement, in the amount of \$2,213,000
4. [AB2022-572](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration for reimbursement of overtime for two Sheriff's Office detectives, in the amount of \$39,681.50

5. [AB2022-573](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) for reimbursement of overtime of Whatcom County Sheriff's Office deputies engaged in OCDETF investigation PA-WAW-0363, in the amount of \$2,500.00
6. [AB2022-574](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Justice Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) for reimbursement of overtime of Whatcom County Sheriff's Office deputies engaged in OCDETF investigation PA-WAW-0362, in the amount of \$2,500.00
7. [AB2022-578](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham for partial funding of the ongoing maintenance and operations of the Crisis Stabilization Center, in the amount of \$65,000
8. [AB2022-580](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to extend the term of the Jail Use Agreement until December 31, 2023
9. [AB2022-582](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for design and construction costs associated with the Meridian Birchwood Roundabout project in the amount of \$2,625,000
10. [AB2022-590](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for joint support of the Whatcom Racial Equity Committee in the amount of \$600,000

## **OTHER ITEMS**

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

1. [AB2022-536](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.21.030 to increase the per diem amount paid to Board of Equalization members
2. [AB2022-554](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 14, in the amount of \$420,917
3. [AB2022-576](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide funding to support childcare stabilization, in the amount of \$1,489,509

4. [AB2022-579](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for pass-through of a CDBG Public Services grant for the delivery of direct public services in the amount of \$131,000

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

5. [AB2022-562](#) Resolution adopting Whatcom County Public Works policies as required by the County Road Administration Board

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

1. [AB2022-547](#) Appointments to fill two vacancies on the Forestry Advisory Committee, commercial forestry landowner positions, Applicants: John Gold and David Janicki
2. [AB2022-556](#) Appointment to fill one vacancy on the Forestry Advisory Committee, citizen with forestry expertise, applicant(s): Charles Bagley Wright

**CONFIRMATION OF 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. [AB2022-577](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments to the Whatcom County Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
2. [AB2022-588](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Russell Baird Tewskbury to the Civil Service Commission

**ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**

**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. [AB2022-571](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Code relating to Personal Wireless Service Facilities
2. [AB2022-538](#) Receipt of application to fill a vacancy on the Criminal Justice Treatment Account Panel, Substance Use Disorder Treatment Agency Position, Applicant(s): Julie Grendon (Deadline for additional applications is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022)

3. [AB2022-592](#) Receipt of application to fill a vacancy on the Forestry Advisory Committee, Small Forest Landowner Position, Applicant(s): Holly Koon (Deadline for additional applications is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022)
  
4. [AB2022-593](#) Receipt of application to fill a vacancy on Drainage District 3, Commissioner Position #3, Applicant(s): Paul Sangha (deadline for additional applications for this position is 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.)

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

### **ADJOURN**