



Whatcom County

Action Summary

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

11 AM

Virtual Meeting

VIRTUAL MEETING (PART 1)-VIEW ONLINE; AGENDA REVISED 5.29 & 6.1
(SEE REVISION NOTICES IN MEETING DETAILS)

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE REPORT

OTHER ITEMS

1. [AB2020-232](#) Resolution of the Whatcom County Health Board applying for variance under Governor Inslee's Safe Start Washington Plan to move to Phase 2

APPROVED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: RES 2020-018

2. [AB2020-223](#) Resolution authorizing an application to the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board for Construction Funding for North Fork Road/Kenney Creek Fish Passage Project, CRP No. 919007

APPROVED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: RES 2020-019

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

DISCUSSED

4. [AB2020-222](#) Ordinance clarifying the procedure for the Whatcom County Council's and senior staff's access to information during the COVID-19 pandemic

WITHDRAWN

5. [AB2020-234](#) Discussion regarding goals, guidelines, and approach to updating current and future budgets

DISCUSSED AND A MOTION WAS APPROVED

The following two motions were approved:

A motion was approved 4-3 with Byrd, Elenbaas and Kershner opposed, to maintain the practice of having budget discussions and interactions with the Executive on the budget as Committee of the Whole.

The following motion was approved 7-0: Browne moved to invite all the other councils for a collective virtual meeting to discuss and brainstorm ideas of how we can collaborate together for the benefit of the community at a lower cost. Have the Council work on a joint statement and then have that sent out to the other councils to gauge their interest in participating with a view of setting a date.

6. [AB2020-238](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for a cost sharing related to the COVID-19 health crisis

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

7. [AB2020-240](#) Approval of letter to USDA Food and Nutrition Services requesting an extension to area eligibility waiver for child nutrition programs through September

APPROVED REQUEST

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. [AB2020-224](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 13, in the amount of \$13,153,598

INTRODUCED AS AMENDED

Aye: 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

2. [AB2020-226](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Northshore Drive/Edgewater Lane Stormwater Improvements Fund, request no. 1

INTRODUCED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2020-214](#) Ordinance suspending Whatcom County Code 1.28 to update the Correctional Facilities Operational Standards

INTRODUCED

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

OTHER ITEMS AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

RECESS