

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

1:40 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 PM (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmer

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 6 - Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

Absent: 1 - Barry Buchanan

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2024-379](#) Discussion of Whatcom County Budget Process
DISCUSSED
2. [AB2024-646](#) Discussion of Whatcom County advisory groups
DISCUSSED
3. [AB2024-647](#) Discussion relating to population and employment projections for the Birch Bay Urban Growth Area (UGA), Cherry Point UGA, Columbia Valley UGA and areas outside UGAs (Rural areas and Resource Lands) associated with the 2025 Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Update
DISCUSSED
4. [AB2024-650](#) Discussion of a draft scope for human resources consultant services for the Whatcom County Council
DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to amend the scope to add a new point to the “Scope of Services” (on page one of Draft Scope) after point six which reads:

7. Evaluate and summarize alternate options for employees and the public to report employee misconduct, including evaluating the effectiveness of independent offices and mechanisms present in other counties in Washington state such as an ombudsperson, citizen public advocate, expanded scope for the Ethics Commission, or other similar office/commission.

Motion approved that the Council recommend going forward with this scope as amended.

Motion approved to appoint Scanlon and Donovan to the selection committee.

5. [AB2024-661](#) Discussion of draft ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 20.82, Public Utilities, to increase allowable power line voltage to 230 kilovolts in zones currently limited to 115 kilovolts and address permit requirements

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved that they send this to the Planning and Development Services Department to develop something to send to the Planning Commission.

6. [AB2024-667](#) Discussion of draft resolution to affirm food insecurity a public health priority

DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment