

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

8:20 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 9:05 AM (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010)

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 8:21 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorney Present: George Roche.

Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) and RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) respectively. Executive session will conclude no later than 9 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

Byrd moved to go into executive session until no later than 9 a.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Councilmembers entered executive session at 8:24 a.m.

1. [AB2024-724](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy George Roche: Jacob Dean Ringenbach v. Ryan Swinburnson, Whatcom County Superior Court no. 24-2-01804-37 [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2024-746](#) Update on negotiations and planning strategy discussion regarding collective bargaining [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription