

# **Whatcom County Council Planning and Development Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
2:50 PM  
Hybrid Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## **Call To Order**

Committee Chair Ben Elenbaas called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

**Absent:** None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

## **Announcements**

### **Special Presentation**

1. [AB2022-235](#) Presentation by Planning and Development Services on the life cycle of a permit  
Steve Roberge, Planning and Development Services Department, presented and answered whether the development time frame requirements would apply if someone does paperwork for a plat but does not do any of the infrastructure and just lets the plat sit, what it means that the agricultural (Ag) short plat is a Whatcom County hybrid and whether it is a different process or a quicker way to do a short plat with Ag, the length of time it takes to get a permit for the “three different paths to building a home” as presented on the Building Permit Overview slide (on file), whether the Planning Department could give a flow chart of the building permit process to customers as they come to the permitting counter in the pre-application process, whether the permitting process takes only two to three weeks if you have a property that already has a site plan and only needs a building permit, and the cost to get a permit.

Councilmembers discussed the cost and time it takes to get a permit and exploring options for those to help with building more affordable homes.

**This agenda item was PRESENTED.**

### **Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

**Ben Elenbaas-via email 5/2/2022**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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