

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

1:55 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M.; MAY BEGIN EARLY
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order**Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

2. [AB2022-309](#) Discussion of a proposed ordinance providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified electors of Whatcom County authorizing the County to lift the limit on regular property taxes under Chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding for childcare, early learning programs, and increased support for vulnerable children

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to recommend an amendment to "Section 4 Implementation Plan," item number three of the related substitute ordinance (AB2022-303) as follows:

3. This implementation plan shall, to the maximum extent possible, be developed in collaboration with the Child and Family Well-being Taskforce, an existing community board established by the Whatcom County Council, and shall be APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND transmitted to the County Executive by March 31, 2023, and every 2 years thereafter to be included as part of the budget submitted to the Council.

1. [AB2022-301](#) Discussion of next steps for proposed amendments to Title 20 (Zoning) related to vacation (short-term) rentals

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to move the item back to the Planning and Development Committee for further action with Planning and Development services.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2022-302](#) Resolution supporting every person's right to inclusive healthcare

SUBSTITUTE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)

Aye: 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

Enactment No: RES 2022-029

Motion approved to amend the resolution to delete the second to last bullet point on the “Now therefore be it resolved” section in the substitute Resolution.

The section to be deleted is:

“Supporting children and families’ well-being through comprehensive postpartum and postnatal care, Early Head Start and Early Support for Infants and Toddlers programs, and any effort to provide quality, accessible, and affordable childcare for Whatcom County families.”

Motion approved to amend the substitute resolution further with suggestions noted in the “Alternative Resolution – Donovan” version to add a whereas statement and add two bullet points to the “Now therefore be it resolved” section. The additions are as follows:

WHEREAS, for generations, the US Congress, regardless of party control, has failed to codify a right to abortion in statute; and

- Calling on Congress to define an expansive national right to abortion in statute
- Calling on both political parties to appoint pro-choice justices to the US Supreme Court, courts of appeals, and federal district courts

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment