

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

**9:50 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 10:40 A.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON,  
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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 Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:52 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**

**Attorneys Present: George Roche, Jesse Corkern, and Paul Lawrence (Pacifica Law Group).**

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda items one, two, and three may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i), RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i), and RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) respectively. Executive session will conclude no later than 10:35 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

***Donovan moved*** to go into executive session until no later than 10:35 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 Byrd.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Nay:** 0

Councilmembers entered executive session at 9:56 a.m.

At 10:36 a.m., the Council Chair announced that the executive session will extend to no later than 10:45 a.m.

At 10:46 a.m., the Council Chair announced that the executive session will extend to no later than 10:55 a.m.

The councilmembers reconvened in the chambers at 10:55 a.m.

1. [AB2025-002](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Jesse Corkern and outside counsel, Shane Brady: Michael Dull, an individual, Plaintiff vs. Whatcom County, et al., Defendants, Whatcom County Superior Court Case No. 24-2-02016-37 [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. [AB2025-032](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Jesse Corkern: Whisper Lake Developments, Inc., Plaintiff vs. Skagit Highlands Homes, LLC. et al., Defendants, United States District Court Western District of Washington Case. 2:24-cv-01909-BJR [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.**

3. [AB2025-074](#) Discussion with Pacifica Law Group, LLP, regarding legal services related to Initiative 2024-01 [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

**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 10:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristi Felbinger