

Whatcom County Council Planning and Development Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

1:55 PM

Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 2:10 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010)

COUNCILMEMBERS

Tyler Byrd
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee member Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 2 - Tyler Byrd, and Kaylee Galloway

Absent: 1 - Ben Elenbaas

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-398](#) Discussion of an ordinance adopting various amendments to WCC Title 20, Zoning, regarding home-based businesses

Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department, briefed the Councilmembers on revisions made to the ordinance based on the last discussion. He answered whether this is now ready for introduction, and whether a committee recommendation is needed.

Donovan moved to recommend to the Full Council that this version be introduced but he is not on the committee so he could not make that motion.

Byrd moved to hold this item to the next meeting. He stated these are amendments that Elenbaas was interested in and he would like to give him a chance to look at the revised ordinance before they vote on it.

Galloway asked whether they feel comfortable introducing this tonight and then having it back in committee for discussion and recommendation at the next meeting and Councilmembers discussed Byrd's motion.

Kershner stated it might be problematic that amplified music is allowed until 9 p.m. but the event can go until 10 p.m. and they might consider making those times the same.

Councilmembers and Strong discussed Kershner's comments and whether they should shift the amplified music to 10 p.m. to match the end time of events.

Bill Elfo, Sheriff, stated it would be helpful to have less confusion and the most consistency as possible.

Galloway asked whether Strong was comfortable making that amendment so they could introduce a substitute tonight, then they could bring the ordinance back for discussion and recommendation to Council on September 12th.

Councilmembers discussed Byrd's motion to hold.

Byrd withdrew his motion to hold.

Byrd moved that they adjust the times so that they are consistent at 10 pm.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Byrd and Galloway

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

Byrd moved to hold the item until the next meeting.

Galloway stated her understanding with this motion is that the substitute ordinance would be back on committee discussion and for introduction on September 12th for action on the 26th.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Byrd

Nay: 1 - Galloway

Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Ben Elenbaas-via email 9/15/2023

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

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