

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday, June 4, 2024
6 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
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Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Council is currently holding meetings in hybrid format with options for in-person or remote viewing and participation. For instructions on remote participation, visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link. Individuals who require special assistance to participate in the Council's meetings are asked to contact the Council Office at 360.778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance.

Per RCW 42.17A.555 the use of public facilities to support or oppose candidates or ballot issues is prohibited. Members of the public and the legislative body are not allowed to speak in support of, or in opposition to, a ballot measure or individual candidacy during an open public meeting. Please refrain from raising campaign issues when addressing the Council.

The County is accepting applications from county residents to fill vacancies on several boards, commissions, and committees spanning a wide range of important local issues. For more information, visit the Boards and Commissions vacancy webpage on the County website or call the Council Office or County Executive's Office.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2024-027](#) Special Council for May 21, 2024
2. [MIN2024-028](#) Committee of the Whole for May 21, 2024
3. [MIN2024-029](#) Regular County Council for May 21, 2024

OPEN SESSION

Participants requesting to speak during open session may attend in person. To speak remotely, please visit www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil and register by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting to receive a join link.

During open session, audience members may speak to the council on issues not scheduled for public hearing. All speakers are asked to state their name for the record and optionally include city of residence. When a large group of individuals supports the same position on an issue, we encourage the selection of one or two representatives to speak on behalf of the entire group. Speakers will be given three minutes to address the Council and will be notified when their three minutes are up. Speakers participating on-site in the Council Chambers will speak first, followed by those who have registered to speak remotely.

Per RCW 42.36.060 Councilmembers are prohibited from engaging in ex parte communications in matters where the Council determines the legal rights, duties, or privileges of specific parties in a hearing or other contested case proceeding. Quasi-judicial actions do not include the legislative actions adopting, amending, or revising comprehensive, community, or neighborhood plans or other land use planning documents or the adoption of area-wide zoning ordinances or the adoption of a zoning amendment that is of area-wide significance.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Items under this section of the agenda may be considered in a single motion. Councilmembers have received and studied background material on all items. Committee review has taken place on these items, as indicated. Any member of the public, administrative staff, or council may ask that an item be considered separately.

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-345](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to maintain current levels of homeless subsidies and emergency housing services in the amount of \$0 for a total amended agreement amount of \$2,890,020
2. [AB2024-353](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Health for Health Officer coverage, in the amount of \$0
3. [AB2024-354](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant contract amendment between Whatcom County and Washington Health Care Authority to continue the Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program in the jail in the amount of \$200,000 for a total amended amount of \$705,075

4. [AB2024-355](#) Resolution requesting authorization to make an application and enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for funding through the Aquatic Lands Enhancement Act Program for completion of the initial phase of park improvements at Birch Bay Beach Park
5. [AB2024-357](#) Resolution requesting authorization to make an application and enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for funding through the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program for acquisition costs of the recently purchased Carrasco Farm parcel at South Fork Park
6. [AB2024-360](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department to purchase CERT supplies and public educational materials to be funded by a federal Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) Emergency Management Performance Grant, in the amount of \$15,000
7. [AB2024-361](#) Resolution requesting authorization to make an application and enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for funding through the Community Outdoor Athletic Facilities Program for construction of a covered multi-sport court at the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center
8. [AB2024-365](#) Resolution authorizing the County Executive to grant an easement to Puget Sound Energy across park property to allow for installation and operation of private electrical services to a parcel adjacent to Stimpson Family Nature Reserve
9. [AB2024-366](#) Resolution authorizing the County Executive to act as the authorized representative on behalf of Whatcom County for Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) Washington Wildlife and Recreation Forestland Preservation project grants
10. [AB2024-368](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Master's Touch, LLC to print and mail notices as well as maintain efile and online fillable forms for the Assessor's office, in the amount of \$26,000 for a total amended contact amount of \$50,500
11. [AB2024-369](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and WA State Department of Commerce for pass through CDBG grant funding for direct public services to low and moderate income persons in Whatcom, Island, and San Juan Counties in the amount of \$130,000, for a total amended amount of \$395,000

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-333](#) Ordinance closing the Vactor Truck Storage Building Fund 379
2. [AB2024-335](#) Ordinance closing the South Fork Park Improvement Fund 363
3. [AB2024-337](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 3.08.060, Bids and Proposals Required

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

4. [AB2024-314](#) Ordinance establishing Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.180 Naming County-Owned Public Buildings, Properties, Parks, and Facilities

(From Council Planning and Development Committee)

5. [AB2024-343](#) Discussion and motion to approve the Public Participation Plan for 2025 Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations Update

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

6. [AB2024-329](#) Resolution supporting affordable energy choices
7. [AB2024-342](#) Request for motion to identify two councilmembers to participate on the selection committee to hire a Legislative Analyst for the Council Office

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

Per Whatcom County Code 2.03.070(B), the council must confirm or reject executive appointments within 30 days of submission to the council. County code deems the appointee confirmed if council does not take action within this time.

1. [AB2024-347](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Mark Fairhart to the Marine Resources Committee

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION**INTRODUCTION ITEMS**

Council action will not be taken. The council may accept these items for introduction (no action) in a single motion. Changes, in terms of committee assignment for example, may be made at this time.

1. [AB2024-351](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 2
2. [AB2024-367](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-039 regarding the membership and formation of the Justice Project Finance Advisory Board
3. [AB2024-372](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$4,642,972.

4. [AB2024-344](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Whatcom County Facilities 2023-2028
5. [AB2024-346](#) Receipt of application to a vacancy on the Planning Commission, District 2 or 4, Applicant: Suneeta Eisenberg (Deadline for applications to this position is 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024)
6. [AB2024-348](#) Resolution to Declare Whatcom County Real Property as Surplus and Approve Transfer
7. [AB2024-352](#) Resolution amending the 2024 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 4, in the amount of \$207,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
8. [AB2024-350](#) Resolution adopting changes to WCC 100.07 Birch Bay Watershed and Aquatic Resources Management district funding mechanism, by revising the rate structure, service charge adjustments and exemptions (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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