

Whatcom County Council

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, June 4, 2024
6 PM
Hybrid Meeting

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2024-027](#) Special Council for May 21, 2024

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

2. [MIN2024-028](#) Committee of the Whole for May 21, 2024

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

3. [MIN2024-029](#) Regular County Council for May 21, 2024

APPROVED BY CONSENT

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Elenbaas

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

(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

This item was considered separately below after the other Consent Agenda items.

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

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

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

Nay: 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

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

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

Nay: 0

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-025

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-026

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

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

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

Nay: 0

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-027

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-028

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

APPROVED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: RES 2024-029

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

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

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

Nay: 0

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

AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT

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

Nay: 0

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM CONSIDERED SEPARATELY

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

AUTHORIZED

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, and Scanlon

Nay: 1 - Stremler

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2024-333](#) Ordinance closing the Vactor Truck Storage Building Fund 379

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2024-034

2. [AB2024-335](#) Ordinance closing the South Fork Park Improvement Fund 363

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2024-035

3. [AB2024-337](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 3.08.060, Bids and Proposals Required

ADOPTED

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

Nay: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2024-036

(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

HELD IN COMMITTEE

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Elenbaas, Galloway, Scanlon, and Stremler

Nay: 0

Temp Absent: 1 - Donovan

(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

APPROVED REQUEST

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

Nay: 0

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

6. [AB2024-329](#) Resolution supporting affordable energy choices

HELD IN COMMITTEE

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

Nay: 0

Motion approved to hold the item for two weeks so the proponent has the opportunity to notice it per legal advice.

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

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved 7-0 to appoint Buchanan and Elenbaas

**CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

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

CONFIRMED

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

Nay: 0

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

1. [AB2024-351](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Silver Beach Creek Stormwater Improvements Project Fund, request no. 2

INTRODUCED

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

Nay: 0

2. [AB2024-367](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-039 regarding the membership and formation of the Justice Project Finance Advisory Board

SUBSTITUTE INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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

Nay: 0

3. [AB2024-372](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$4,642,972.

INTRODUCED

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

Nay: 0

4. [AB2024-344](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for Whatcom County Facilities 2023-2028

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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

Nay: 0

5. [AB2024-346](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Planning Commission, District 2 or 4, Applicant(s): Suneeta Eisenberg

INTRODUCED

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

Nay: 0

6. [AB2024-348](#) Resolution to Declare Whatcom County Real Property as Surplus and Approve Transfer

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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

Nay: 0

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)

INTRODUCED

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

Nay: 0

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)

INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

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

Nay: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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