

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

6 PM

Virtual Meeting

**VIRTUAL MEETING (TO PARTICIPATE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT
www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil OR CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA
REVISED 2.22.2022**

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COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2022-012](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for February 8, 2022
2. [MIN2022-013](#) Committee of the Whole for February 8, 2022
3. [MIN2022-014](#) Regular County Council for February 8, 2022
4. [MIN2022-015](#) Water Work Session for February 15, 2022

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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1. [AB2022-082](#) Ordinance adopting various minor amendments to Whatcom County Code Titles 20 (Zoning), 21 (Land Division Regulations) and 22 (Land Use and Development)
2. [AB2021-606](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning, to provide additional affordable housing options, including allowing and regulating tiny homes and allowing duplexes in planned unit developments

APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

These items have been reviewed by Council and are ready to be considered concurrently so the cumulative effect of the proposals can be evaluated. Each ordinance will be voted on separately, followed by a vote to approve the ordinances as a group.

1. [AB2021-420](#) Ordinance amending the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Map and zoning code for the Nooksack Falls Exclave within the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
2. [AB2022-036](#) Ordinance repealing the Cherry Point Ferndale Subarea Plan and deleting a reference to the Subarea Plan in the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

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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. [AB2022-037](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Flex Financial, a division of Stryker Sales Corporation, for two additional gurneys not included in the original agreement, increasing the agreement by \$116,700.03
2. [AB2022-074](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Cascadia Law Group, PLLC for legal advice, in the amount of \$60,000 for a total amended amount of \$100,000
3. [AB2022-081](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden for alterations to Fire Station 75 in the amount of \$150,000
4. [AB2022-101](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Technical College for accreditation services for the paramedic training program, in the amount of \$42,200
5. [AB2022-107](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Lifeline Connections for psychiatric services in the amount of \$187,200.00

6. [AB2022-112](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Community College to provide Adult Basic Education and GED classes to people residing in the county jail in the amount of \$60,524.00
7. [AB2022-116](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to operate the Whatcom Homeless Service Center in the amount of \$574,760 for a total amended contract amount of \$2,225,008
8. [AB2022-117](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce to provide resources to obtain and maintain housing stability to people who are experiencing homelessness, in the amount of \$282,878 for a total amended agreement amount of \$7,824,102
9. [AB2022-126](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Bird's Eye Medical to provide COVID-19 vaccine administration services at community vaccine clinics, in the amount of \$275,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$315,000
10. [AB2022-130](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to build a health, resource, and service navigation system that will provide timely connection of parents and children, pre-natal to five years, to a range of protective and supportive services, in the amount of \$77,797

ITEM REMOVED 2.22.2022

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2022-086](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$7,750,231
2. [AB2022-088](#) Ordinance closing the State Street Building Acquisition and Improvement Fund 348
3. [AB2022-089](#) Ordinance establishing the Way Station Project Fund and establishing a project based budget for the Way Station Project

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

4. [AB2022-111](#) Resolution establishing a Respectful Workplace Standard

(No Committee Assignment)

5. [AB2022-083](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-064 (Review of Response to COVID-19 Pandemic) to change project timeline

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2022-073](#) Appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Justice Project, applicants: Debra David, Peter Frazier, RB Tewksbury (added 2/9/2022), Jeff Hindman (added 2/9/2022) (application deadline for any other applicants to this vacancy is 10 a.m. on February 15, 2022)
2. [AB2022-110](#) Appointment to the Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee, alternate position, applicant(s) Shawna DeKriek (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

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. [AB2022-128](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's reappointment of Arlene Feld to the North Sound Administrative Services Organization's Behavioral Health Advisory Board

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

1. [AB2022-142](#) Discussion and possible motion to recommend rescinding a previous action of the Council that temporarily closed Gulf Road to motorized vehicular traffic

ITEM ADDED 2.22.2022

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. [AB2022-087](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.02.075, Standing Committees, to rename Natural Resources Committee
2. [AB2022-131](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.126 (Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee)
3. [AB2022-109](#) Receipt of application for a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Manufacturing position, applicant(s): Chris Trout
4. [AB2022-113](#) Receipt of application to the Climate Impact Advisory Committee, applicant Ray Kamada (deadline for additional applications is 10 a.m. on March 1, 2022)

5. [AB2022-121](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Horton Road
6. [AB2022-122](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Boxwood Road

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

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