

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

2:20 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M., MAY BEGIN EARLY
(PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT
www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010), AGENDA
REVISED 12.5.2023**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2023-785](#) Discussion with Public Works staff regarding upcoming telecommunication franchise agreements with the Public Utility District No. 1 and the Port of Bellingham

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2023-775](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 2.03, Boards and Commissions

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Kershner

2. [AB2023-778](#) Ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposal to amend Whatcom County Charter Section 4.30 to expand the standards for conflict of interest

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

3. [AB2023-791](#) Resolution to establish an independent review of countywide fire and EMS structures

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Abstain: 1 - Kershner

Motion approved to amend the resolution to strike “Private emergency service providers” under stakeholders (Exhibit A) and as it is mentioned anywhere in the document.

Items Added by Revision

1. [AB2023-837](#) Resolution encouraging the County Executive to pursue opportunities for property

acquisitions that promote conservation, economic development, and tourism associated with Bellingham to Mt. Baker trails

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT(S)

Aye: 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Motion approved to amend the resolution to add “and/or easements” to line 26 and line 30 of the resolution so that the statements read:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council requests that the Executive pursue opportunities for property acquisition and/or acquisition of easements that promotes these stated goals...

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council requests that the Executive consider property acquisition and/or acquisition of easement opportunities that promote connectivity...

Other Business

Adjournment