

**Whatcom County
Council Planning and Development Committee**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
311 Grand Avenue, Ste #105
Bellingham, WA 98225-4038
(360) 778-5010



Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN 3:10 P.M. (TO
PARTICIPATE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS AT
www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil OR CALL 360.778.5010)
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

2:20 PM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Ben Elenbaas called the meeting to order at 2:22 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Rud Browne, Ben Elenbaas and Todd Donovan

Absent: None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

Special Presentation

1. [AB2021-113](#) Report from the Planning and Development Services Department
Mark Personius, Planning and Development Services Department Director, gave a report.

The following people discussed with Councilmembers:

- Mark Personius
- Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

They discussed whether there was an extension for the Shoreline Management Plan deadline because of the COVID-19 pandemic and when it should come to the Council, funded and unfunded open positions in the department, rules for wetland mitigation and setting up an off-site wetland mitigation program.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2021-097](#) Discussion of a proposed ordinance adopting amendments to Whatcom County Code Title 15 (Buildings & Construction) to adopt by reference the 2018 editions of the International Building and other related codes

The following people briefed the Councilmembers on a cost comparison between the 2015 and 2018 Energy Codes and answered questions:

- Curtis Metz, Planning and Development Services Department
- Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department

Donovan moved to recommend to the full Council that the ordinance (on

the agenda tonight as AB2021-096) be adopted.

Councilmembers continued to discuss the item with staff and whether the information presented will be accessible to the public.

Donovan clarified that the ordinance is scheduled tonight for a public hearing and this is just a discussion so a motion is not necessary, so he *withdrew* his motion.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

Donovan stated he would like to revisit a request from the Planning Commission to open up further discussion on the topic of improving public participation. He will look into getting it on an agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Ben Elenbaas-via email 2/28/2021

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

SIGNED COPY ON FILE