

# **Whatcom County Council**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

**6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

### MINUTES CONSENT

1. [MIN2022-038](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for June 7, 2022
2. [MIN2022-039](#) Committee of the Whole for June 7, 2022
3. [MIN2022-040](#) Regular County Council for June 7, 2022
4. [MIN2022-041](#) Special Council for June 14, 2022

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1. [AB2021-424](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Code Title 20, Zoning to allow and regulate Battery Energy Storage Systems

2. [AB2022-346](#) Request authorization for County Executive to enter into Interlocal Agreements with the cities of Bellingham, Everson, Lynden, Nooksack, and Sumas concerning planning, annexation and development within urban growth areas (each interlocal will be voted on seperately)

### **OPEN SESSION**

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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. [AB2022-333](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and City of Bellingham to provide funding to support the GRACE Program in the amount of \$76,800 for a total amended agreement amount of \$356,800
2. [AB2022-336](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant amendment between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth to support the GRACE Program in the amount of \$10,000 for a total amended grant amount of \$120,000
3. [AB2022-338](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Executive Office of President, Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to be reimbursed for salaries and benefits for two employees in the Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$188,727.00 for the FY 2023
4. [AB2022-340](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to administer the Housing and Essential Needs Program, in the amount of \$2,530,694
5. [AB2022-341](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into the sale of a septic easement for use of park property by Doug and Cathy Angell, in the amount of \$15,477

6. [AB2022-345](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Tetra Tech, Inc to evaluate and design the Semiahmoo Drive southern outfall, in the amount of \$45,118 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
7. [AB2022-348](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Wilson Engineering, LLC to provide construction assistance services for the Fremont Street Stormwater Bypass project in the amount of \$5,982 for a total amended contract amount of \$45,982
8. [AB2022-349](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Birch Bay Drive & Pedestrian Project; CRP 907001 in the amount of \$1,445,087 (STP \$1,250,000; Local \$195,087) for a total amended contract amount of \$7,108,543
9. [AB2022-350](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Ecology to develop a Wisner Lake Cyanobacteria Management Plan, in the amount of \$49,999.50 in Ecology funds with a \$16,666.50 local match
10. [AB2022-351](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and YWCA Bellingham to support emergency shelter operations in the amount of \$2,675 for a total amended contract amount of \$45,675
11. [AB2022-352](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Catholic Community Services to support permanent supportive housing at Francis Place in the amount of \$328,650 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,119,155
12. [AB2022-357](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to support operations at the permanent supportive housing facility 22 North, in the amount of \$242,648
13. [AB2022-361](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and MHNW 23 Evergreen Ridge LLC (Mercy Housing Northwest) to provide funding for the acquisition of the Evergreen Ridge Apartments for low-income housing in Whatcom County

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2022-317](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Pyramid Communications for public communications for the Incarceration Prevention and Reduction Task Force in the amount of \$88,800.00
2. [AB2022-320](#) Ordinance closing the Agate Heights/Estate Bay Lane Stormwater Improvements Fund 365
3. [AB2022-321](#) Ordinance closing the Northshore Drive/Edgewater Lane Stormwater Improvements Fund 381
4. [AB2022-322](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District & Subzones 2022 budget, request no. 3, in the amount of \$5,250,617 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)
5. [AB2022-326](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the North Lake Samish Road Bridge No. 107 Replacement Fund, request no. 1
6. [AB2022-327](#) Ordinance amending the Shallow Shore Culvert Relocation Fund, request no. 1
7. [AB2022-329](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 9, in the amount of \$15,838,261
8. [AB2022-344](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife for cooperative management of various park properties at Pine & Cedar Lakes, Tennant Lake, and Hovander Homestead Park
9. [AB2022-353](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 14 for fire protection services, in the amount of annual fees based on the current millage rate and the assessed value of improvements on the park properties within the district
10. [AB2022-354](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for a recreational boating safety grant increase, in the amount of \$2,500.00

**(No Committee Assignment)**

11. [AB2022-347](#) Request authorization for County Executive to sign amendments to existing Interlocal Agreements with the cities of Blaine and Ferndale concerning planning, annexation and development within urban growth areas to extend the duration of the Interlocal Agreements for six months

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2022-342](#) Council appointment to a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Food Processing position, Applicant - Paul Burrill

### **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. [AB2022-359](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Paul Burrill to the Food System 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. [AB2022-365](#) Ordinance providing for submission to the qualified voters of Whatcom County a proposition renewing the levy of a regular property tax at a rate of \$.295 or less per \$1000 assessed valuation to continue to provide emergency medical services
2. [AB2022-337](#) Receipt of application(s) to fill a vacancy on the Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee - Applicant(s): Mary Marshall, Bill Sager, Lee Mosley
3. [AB2022-343](#) Receipt of application to a vacancy on the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee, Marine Trades position - Applicant(s): Dana Wilson

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

#### **ADJOURN**