

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole**

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

**Tuesday, March 10, 2026**

**1 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Elizabeth Boyle  
Barry Buchanan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway  
Jessica Rienstra  
Jon Scanlon  
Mark Stremler

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## Call To Order

## Roll Call

## Announcements

If you require special assistance to participate, please contact the Council Office at 360-778-5010 at least 96 hours in advance. Assistive listening devices are available in Council Chambers, and live captions are available through Zoom for those participating remotely. This committee meeting is also noticed as a meeting of the Whatcom County Council, with the agenda limited to committee business.

## Special Presentation

1. [AB2026-191](#) Presentation from Public Works regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and the Lake Whatcom Management Program
2. [AB2026-198](#) Presentation by the Health and Community Services Housing Team on housing programs including severe winter shelter, Q4 program data, and upcoming priorities and funding

## Committee Discussion

1. [AB2026-037](#) Update on 2026 State Legislative Session
2. [AB2026-211](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing a sales and use tax of one-tenth of one percent for criminal justice purposes as authorized by RCW 82.14.345 and adding a new Chapter 3.27 Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice Purposes to the Whatcom County Code

### **ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2026-213)**

3. [AB2026-185](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 1, Introduction and Growth Projections

### **CONTINUED FROM 3.3.2026**

4. [AB2026-186](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2, Land Use

### **CONTINUED FROM 3.3.2026**

5. [AB2026-188](#) Discussion and preliminary Council direction on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 3, Housing

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## Items Added by Revision

## Other Business

## Adjournment