

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

1 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
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Todd Donovan
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Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order**Roll Call****Announcements**

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Committee Discussion

1. [AB2025-656](#) Discussion with County Executive's Office and Columbia Policy Advisors on 2026 State Legislative Session
2. [AB2025-733](#) Discussion of preliminary Planning Commission recommendations on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5, Utilities, associated with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update
3. [AB2025-513](#) Presentation by the Whatcom County Planning and Development Services Director and discussion relating to preliminary preferred alternatives for the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) associated with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

FOR DISCUSSION ONLY (NO PRESENTATION BY STAFF)

4. [AB2025-701](#) Discussion of proposed amendments to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update
5. [AB2025-708](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1 (amount to be added before meeting)

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2025-707)

6. [AB2025-710](#) Discussion of a resolution authorizing the levy of taxes for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District for 2026 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2025-709)

7. [AB2025-712](#) Discussion of a resolution adopting the 2026 budget for the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Subzones (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2025-711)

8. [AB2025-720](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes for 2026

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2025-719)

9. [AB2025-722](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County Road purposes for 2026

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2025-721)

10. [AB2025-724](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for countywide emergency medical purposes for 2026

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2025-723)

11. [AB2025-726](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County and State purposes in Whatcom County, Washington, for the year of 2026

ON COUNCIL AGENDA FOR INTRODUCTION (SEE AB2025-725)

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment