

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

1 PM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE
REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR
CALL 360.778.5010); AGENDA REVISED 10.20.2025**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Kaylee Galloway
Jon Scanlon
Mark Stremmler

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order**Roll Call**

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremler

Announcements**Committee Discussion**

1. [AB2025-656](#) Discussion with County Executive's Office and Columbia Policy Advisors on 2026 State Legislative Session

WITHDRAWN

2. [AB2025-733](#) Discussion of preliminary Planning Commission recommendations on Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 5, Utilities, associated with the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved to remove Policies 5S-5, 5S-6, and 5S-7 (pages 5-20-21 of the Preliminary Planning Commission Recommended Version).

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

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved that Blaine's UGA proposals do not include expansions in Birch Point (the two areas marked with a red "x" and the area marked as "Rural (UGA)" between them on the attached "Blaine UGA Proposal as discussed on 10.21.2025").

Motion approved that they accept the Bellingham UGA proposal (as represented on the Map UGA-2 (page 9) of the Bellingham UGA Proposal (on file).

Motion approved to retain Ferndale's 2016 map as proposed (Map UGA-4) on page four of the Ferndale UGA Proposal.

Motion approved to accept Lynden's proposal as described on Map UGA-5.

4. [AB2025-701](#) Discussion of proposed amendments to the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update

NOT ACTED UPON

5. [AB2025-708](#) Discussion of an ordinance amending the 2026 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 1, in the amount of \$20,970,606

DISCUSSED

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)
DISCUSSED
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)
DISCUSSED
8. [AB2025-720](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for Conservation Futures purposes for 2026
DISCUSSED
9. [AB2025-722](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for County Road purposes for 2026
DISCUSSED
10. [AB2025-724](#) Discussion of an ordinance authorizing the levy of taxes for countywide emergency medical purposes for 2026
DISCUSSED
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
DISCUSSED

Items Added by Revision**Other Business****Adjournment**