

Whatcom County Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, October 22, 2024

9:20 AM

Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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360.778.5010)

COUNCILMEMBERS

Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Kaylee Galloway

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

Call To Order

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Tyler Byrd, Kaylee Galloway, and Todd Donovan

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Ben Elenbaas, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

Announcements

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. [AB2024-636](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts where the states will reimburse the County for eligible interpreter expenses up to \$90,326

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

2. [AB2024-665](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth to lease Suite 103 at the Way Station located at 1500 N State Street, in the amount of \$10

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

3. [AB2024-668](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Birch Bay Water and Sewer District for renewal of a 5-year interlocal agreement, in the amount of \$0 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

4. [AB2024-674](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Marysville Fire District to reimburse the EMS Levy for the paramedic training program, in the amount of \$66,750

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

5. [AB2024-675](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Camano Fire and Rescue to reimburse the EMS Levy for the paramedic training program, in the amount of \$29,356

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

6. [AB2024-677](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Administrative Office of the Courts for Pretrial Services Reform, in the amount of \$99,500

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

7. [AB2024-678](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Whatcom County Fire Protection District 7 for the paramedic training costs associated with program administration, student wages and benefits, preceptor training, and class supplies, in the amount of \$167,225

This item was considered separately below.

8. [AB2024-679](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham Fire Department for costs associated with the 2024-2026 Paramedic Training Program, in the amount of \$1,144,274

This item was considered separately below.

9. [AB2024-681](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Brigid Collins Family Support Center to expand mental health services to children ages 0-5, in the amount of \$452,907

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

10. [AB2024-683](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to expand mental health services to children ages 3 - 5, in the amount of \$271,817

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

11. [AB2024-684](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Generations Early Learning to expand licensed infant childcare capacity, in the amount of \$67,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

12. [AB2024-685](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Bellingham Towers LLC to lease Suite 110 at Bellingham Towers located at 119 N Commercial Street, in the amount of \$10

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

13. [AB2024-686](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale Community Services to operate an overnight severe weather shelter, in the amount of \$120,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

14. [AB2024-687](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal joint funding agreement between Whatcom County and United States Geological Survey (USGS) for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the County's 11 stream gages within the Nooksack River early flood warning system, Jones Creek, and the Sumas River, in the amount of \$167,292 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

15. [AB2024-688](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Insight Public Sector, using the State of WA contract, to provide Neogov Insight recruitment software in the amount of \$50,204.89 through December 31, 2026

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

16. [AB2024-690](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the Washington State Military Department to receive pass through funding from the Washington State Military Department for What-Comm equipment

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

17. [AB2024-701](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Best Chopsticks c/o of Yan Hua Chen Cheng for lease of space at 121 Unity Street, Bellingham, in the amount of \$42,099.72

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Council "Consent Agenda" Items Considered Separately

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RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 2 - Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 1 - Byrd

8. [AB2024-679](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham Fire Department for costs associated with the 2024-2026 Paramedic Training Program, in the amount of \$1,144,274

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 2 - Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2024-640](#) Discussion regarding Habitat for Humanity's housing proposal and potential Economic Development Investment program recommendation

DISCUSSED

2. [AB2024-698](#) Discussion on ferry fares

DISCUSSED

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2024-642](#) Resolution amending the 2024 Flood Control Zone District and Subzones Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$11,350 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

2. [AB2024-654](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Ferndale School District to purchase and install an ADA-compliant playground, in the amount of \$700,000

RECOMMENDED TO HOLD IN COMMITTEE

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Motion approved to recommend to hold in Committee for two weeks or until Health Department staff is ready to bring it back.

3. [AB2024-657](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Plantation Rifle Range Lead Reclamation & Capital Improvement Fund, request no. 2

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 2 - Byrd, and Galloway

Nay: 1 - Donovan

4. [AB2024-658](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Hovander Park Building Improvements Fund, request no. 2

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

5. [AB2024-660](#) Ordinance amending the 2024 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 13, in the amount of \$2,122,735

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 0

6. [AB2024-704](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Pacifica Law Group, LLP for legal services for the Whatcom County Council for the appeals process regarding Initiative 2024-01 for an amended amount not to exceed \$100,000

RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION

Aye: 2 - Galloway, and Donovan

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment