

Whatcom County Council Special Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

1:15 PM

Council Chambers

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2020-027](#) Discussion regarding Whatcom County public health, safety, and justice needs assessment

Buchanan briefed the Council on the background of this item.

The following people reported:

Bill Elfo, Sheriff

Eric Richey, Whatcom County Prosecutor

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, submitted a handout (on file)

Councilmembers discussed and staff answered questions about the proposed next steps on the needs assessment and engagement plan going forward, how to best engage and gain the trust of the community, the timing for placing a measure for a jail on the ballot, the possibility of an advisory vote before a final ballot measure, and extending the time for the application deadline for vacancies on the Stakeholder Advisory Committee.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2019-600](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 11.16 to protect Lake Samish shoreline properties and Lake Samish water recreation

Buchanan gave an explanation about the public hearing comment period for **AB2019-480 Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapters 11.16 and 11.20 to protect Lake Samish shoreline properties and Lake Samish water recreation** being extended to the next Council meeting.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, and Councilmembers further discussed the process for introducing and voting on this item (**AB2019-600**) and/or **AB2019-480**, an alternate version of **AB2019-600**, and how to move forward with both agenda bills.

Donovan moved and Byrd seconded that the Ordinance be held in committee and sent to Special Committee of the Whole. The motion carried (see vote count).

The following representatives from Lake Samish spoke:

Mark Walker
James Wilson

The ordinance was HELD IN COMMITTEE and sent to Special Committee of the Whole. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Other Business

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on January 28, 2020.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

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