

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, May 10, 2022
2:35 PM
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 3:45 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON OR
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Announcements

Committee Discussion

1. [AB2022-262](#) Discussion of a resolution amending Resolution No. 2021-056, making additional amendments to the 2020 Shoreline Management Program Periodic Update documents to be considered by the Department of Ecology in their final review and approval

Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department, briefed the Councilmembers.

Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, answered whether Elenbaas could participate in the discussion and stated she did not think he could participate unless there was a way he could parse out the parts that pertain to the settlement agreement so Elenbaas left the meeting.

Strong answered whether there are substantive effects of the clean-ups in the corrections that are not related to the settlement, the meaning of the word "tolling" as referenced in Section 22.07.080 (Expiration of Shoreline Permits) on page ten of the proposed Resolution, and how long it takes to get back from the Department of Ecology (DOE).

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2022-259](#) Resolution supporting the Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, San Juan and Skagit (SWISS) regional partnership with the Washington State Association of Counties
The following people briefed the Councilmembers and gave background for the item:

- Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council
- Councilmember Galloway
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

The speakers answered and Councilmembers discussed whether there is a dollar amount associated with this and whether the Council already authorized a budget amount, whether this Resolution is saying that the Council is interested in this partnership with Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) and they will see a budget amendment or budget authorization, who represents Whatcom County in the group, whether Whatcom County should participate in the regional partnership in a formal way, and what types of things the group discusses.

Galloway moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 2 - Byrd, and Elenbaas

Absent: 0

Items Added by Revision

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on May 24, 2022.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

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