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ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its April 11, 2023, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2023-018) ADOPTING VARIOUS MINOR AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE (WCC) TITLE 20, ZONING; TITLE 21, LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS, AND TITLE 22, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT (AB2023-174)**: This ordinance is an annual "code scrub," wherein Planning and Development Services proposes amendments to clarify code, fix inconsistencies and grammar, and modify or add minor policies. This year's 15 proposed code amendments include six proposed minor policy changes regarding: minimum lot width and depth in the URM zone, reducing parking stall size to 9' x 18', add bicycle parking requirements, and allowing Transfer of Development Rights receiving areas in Urban Growth Areas (UGAs) only. This ordinance was introduced March 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-019) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE SECTION 1.14, ELECTION PRECINCTS, TO CHANGE CERTAIN ESTABLISHED VOTING PRECINCT BOUNDARIES IN WHATCOM COUNTY (AB2023-200)**: This ordinance amends the Code to reflect necessary changes to precinct boundary lines in Whatcom County due to redistricting completed for Blaine School District 503, Ferndale School District 502, Meridian School District 505, Mount Baker School District 507, Nooksack Valley School District 506, South Whatcom Fire Authority, Lake Whatcom Water & Sewer, City of Bellingham, and City of Blaine, based on decennial census information. In addition, internal director district boundary precinct splits and identifying labels were incorporated into the precinct maps. Whatcom County Code Section 1.14 is amended with newly established voting precinct boundaries and substituted into the "Book of Election Precinct Maps" available through the Whatcom County Council Office, the Whatcom Auditor's Office, and online. This ordinance was introduced March 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-020) AMENDING THE WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 5, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$631,850 (AB2023-204)**: This ordinance amends the 2023 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund - to record operating transfer in of \$23,427 in Health; from the Healthy Children's Fund - appropriate \$495,118 in Health to fund administrative costs and record levy revenue for the Healthy Children's Fund, to record labor pool entry to add two 2 FTE positions; from Real Estate Excise Tax I Fund - appropriate \$73,732 to fund additional services and improvements for the Plantation Rifle Range HVAC and Roof Replacement Project; from Real Estate Excise Tax II Fund - appropriate \$63,000 to fund transfer in support of Lake Whatcom Trail Project Budget Amendment No. 2. This ordinance was introduced on March 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-021) AMENDING THE PROJECT BASE BUDGET FOR THE LAKE WHATCOM PARK TRAIL DEVELOPMENT FUND, REQUEST NO. 2 (AB2023-205)**: This ordinance appropriates \$63,000 to fund additional work needed to connect the Chatterelle Trail to the Hertz Trail, for a total project budget of \$958,025. This ordinance was introduced on March 21, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing, consider adopting, and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on April 25, 2023, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY SPEED LIMIT FOR BIRCH BAY LYNDEN ROAD (AB2023-237)**: This ordinance authorizes a temporary speed limit to be set at 35 MPH on Birch Bay Lynden Road from 1850 feet West of Berthusen Road to the Lynden City Limits, located in Sections 23, 24, 25 & 26, Township 40 North, 37 Range 2 East, W.M., in coordination with WSDOT. This ordinance was introduced on April 11, 2023. **ORDINANCE FOR TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGNS ON BIRCH BAY LYNDEN ROAD (AB2023-240)**: This ordinance authorizes the installation of temporary stop signs on Birch Bay Lynden Road, eastbound and westbound at Berthusen Road located in Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, Township 40 North, Range 2 East, W.M., in coordination with WSDOT. This ordinance was introduced April 11, 2023. **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY SPEED LIMIT FOR HANEGAN ROAD (AB2023-246)**: This ordinance authorizes a temporary speed limit to be set at 35 MPH on Hanegan Road from Smith Road E to the Bellingham City Limits, located in Sections 32 & 33, Township 39 North, Range 3 East, W.M. and Sections 4, 37 S, 8 & 9, Township 38 North, Range 3 East, W.M., in coordination with WSDOT. This ordinance was introduced on April 11, 2023. **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KELLY ROAD AND VAN WYCK ROAD (AB2023-248)**: This ordinance authorizes the temporary closure of Kelly Road, east of Hanegan Road, and Van Wyck Road, east of Hanegan Road and west of Noon Road, in coordination with WSDOT. This ordinance was introduced on April 11, 2023. **ORDINANCE AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE 10.34, FERRY RATES (AB2023-258)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 10.34, Ferry Rates, to clarify definitions and provide clear direction and a future of accurate and transparent calculation methods. This ordinance was introduced April 11, 2023. **ORDINANCE AMENDING 2023 WHATCOM COUNTY UNIFIED FEE SCHEDULE (AB2023-259)**: This ordinance raises Whatcom County ferry fares to achieve an overall increase in fare collection of 24.5% as part of a multi-year plan to return to compliance with Whatcom County Code 10.34.030. This ordinance was introduced April 11th, 2023. This ordinance was introduced April 11, 2023.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on April 25, 2023, or at a later date: **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO SYSTEM FUND, REQUEST NO. 3 (AB2023-264)**: This ordinance amends the Public Safety Radio System Fund to add \$300,000 of expenditure authority. This ordinance was introduced on April 11, 2023. **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERFUND LOAN FOR THE PURCHASE OF FLOOD RESPONSE EQUIPMENT (AB2023-269)**: This ordinance provides a loan of \$4,294,850 from the General Fund to the Emergency Management Fund to purchase additional flood response equipment. No interest will be charged on the loan and the loan will be repaid from grant proceeds upon receipt of payments from the Department of Commerce. This ordinance was introduced on April 11, 2023. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 6, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,245,264 (AB2023-270)**: This ordinance amends the 2023 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund - record \$16,604 transfer-in from Behavioral Health Fund for indirect costs, appropriate \$50,000 in District Court Probation to fund additional Domestic Violence Perpetrator Opportunity for Treatment Services program from City of Bellingham funding; from the Elections Reserve Fund - appropriate \$80,000 to fund elections security improvements from grant proceeds; from the Homeless Housing Fund - appropriate \$464,359 to fund increase in Commerce Consolidated Housing Grant program, re-appropriate \$912,460 to fund Emergency Solutions - Housing Grant program; from the Behavioral Health Program Fund - appropriate \$72,631 to fund Alternative Response Team (ART) staffing increase, record Behavioral Health labor pool adjustment for new ART position, appropriate \$16,604 to fund transfer-out to cover indirect costs, appropriate \$62,000 to fund increase for ART Pilot Program from City of Bellingham pass-through grant proceeds; from the Countywide Emergency Medical Services Fund - re-appropriate \$120,400 to fund Firefighter recruiting/hiring costs associated with replacement of personnel transferred to the 5th Paramedic Unit, re-appropriate \$61,760 to fund Fire District #5 (P Roberts) Basic Life Support services allocation; from the Ferry Fare Capital Surcharge Fund - re-appropriate \$25,000 to fund PSE study to determine feasibility of supplying charging power for an electric ferry at the ferry terminals; from the Emergency Management Fund - appropriate \$4,294,850 to fund Emergency Rapid Response Grant program projects as a result of the November 2021 flood; from the Public Utilities Improvement Fund - appropriate \$45,000 to fund Williamson Way water damage repair. This ordinance was introduced on April 11, 2023.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at whatcom-countyus.org/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcom-countyus.org/whatcomcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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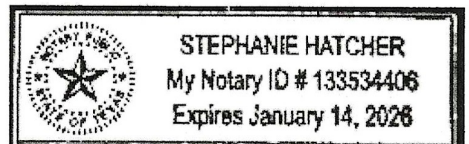
Stefani Beard

(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 17th day of April in the year of 2023 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Stefani Beard known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Stephanie Hatcher

Notary Public in and for the state of Texas, residing in Dallas County



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