# Whatcom County Council (Special)

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# **Minutes - Final**

Tuesday, August 27, 2024
1 PM
Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers

HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN INSTRUCTIONS AT www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil, OR CALL 360.778.5010)

#### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

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

#### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

#### Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

#### **Roll Call**

*Clerk's note*: Councilmember Byrd was out of the meeting for the roll call and the vote but was present for the discussion.

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

#### Announcements

#### **Discussion and Action**

**1.** AB2024-546

Discussion with Pacifica Law Group, LLP regarding legal services for the Whatcom County Council for pre-election review of Initiative 2024-01[Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)]

#### Attorney Present: Paul Lawrence, Pacifica Law Group, LLP.

Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive session will conclude no later than 2:05 p.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the chair will make a public announcement.

**Donovan moved** to go into executive session until no later than 2:05 p.m. to discuss the agenda item pursuant to the RCW citation as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Donovan, Galloway, Scanlon, and Buchanan

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas and Stremler

Out of the meeting: 1 - Byrd

Buchanan stated the Council may take action following the executive session.

The executive session adjourned at 2:01 p.m. and Councilmembers reconvened in the special meeting.

Buchanan called the Special Council meeting back to order at 2:04 p.m.

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

### **Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

## **Other Business**

There was no other business.

# Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

The County Council approved these minutes on September 24, 2024.

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Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription

Cathy Halka, Council