

**Whatcom County
Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee**

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

VIRTUAL MEETING - ENDS NO LATER THAN NOON

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

10:10 AM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Tyler Byrd
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Committee Chair Tyler Byrd called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Rud Browne, Tyler Byrd and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

Also present: Barry Buchanan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas, and Todd Donovan

Announcements

County Executive's Report

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, stated there was no Executive report.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2020-255](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Skagit County for participation in the Youth Marijuana Prevention and Education Program, in the amount of \$26,000

Browne moved that the Interlocal be recommended for authorization.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Browne's motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

2. [AB2020-258](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and San Juan County for participation in the Youth Marijuana Prevention and Education Program, in the amount of \$26,000

Browne moved that the Interlocal be recommended for authorization.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, briefed the Councilmembers and Councilmembers discussed the agenda item.

Browne's motion that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Browne and Kershner

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 0

3. [AB2020-260](#) Resolution requesting authorization to make an application and enter into a grant agreement with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office to develop an outdoor sports court at the East Whatcom Regional Resource Center

Browne moved that Resolution be recommended for approval.

Mike McFarlane, Parks and Recreation Department Director, briefed the Councilmembers on the agenda item.

Councilmembers discussed the item and McFarlane answered whether the community asked for this or whether the idea came from the Parks Department, and whether it will have solar panels on the roof.

Browne's motion that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2020-267](#) Request permission for the County Executive and the County Council to enter into an agreement for funding support and implementation of the Duffner Ditch Culvert and Flood Gate Replacement Project (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Browne moved that the Contract be recommended for authorization.

Paula Harris, Public Works Committee, briefed the Councilmembers and answered whether the Water Improvement Districts (WIDS) are working on other fish-friendly flood gates throughout the county, whether the locations included with this contract currently have flood gates which are just being replaced with the fish-friendly kind, whether there would be any system that would get a flood gate that does not currently have one, and whether there was a law passed stating that they all need to be replaced.

Councilmembers discussed the item.

Browne's motion that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2020-268](#) Request permission for the County Executive and the County Council to enter into an agreement between the Ag Water Board of Whatcom County and the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District relating to Funding Support for Participation in the Flood Integrated Planning Process (FLIP) (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Browne moved that the Contract be recommended for authorization.

Paula Harris, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered how the farmers were selected to participate.

Councilmembers expressed appreciation for Harris' work.

Browne's motion that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2020-269](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Military Department, in the amount of \$400,725.

Browne moved that the Agreement be recommended for authorization.

The following people spoke:

- Doug Chadwick, Undersheriff
- Bill Elfo, Sheriff

Staff briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions about whether enhanced patrols means additional patrols along the border, whether additional patrols use overtime hours or dedicated regular time hours, whether this will be used to reimburse travel beyond mileage for patrols, what equipment the money is used for, whether this is a contract with the State Department of Military, why the City of Bellingham is not participating, and what caused the decrease in funding from the previous fiscal year.

Browne's motion that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2020-270](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$10,000.

Browne moved that the Agreement be recommended for authorization.

Doug Chadwick, Undersheriff, briefed the Councilmembers on the agenda item and answered a question about one of the signatures on the contract.

Browne's motion that the Agreement be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2020-271](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interagency Agreement amendment between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and Washington State Department of Health for support of the Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) program in the amount of \$447,732 for a total amended contract amount of \$1,047,732

Browne moved that the Contract be recommended for authorization.

Erika Douglas, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered questions about whether they have been seeing positive results from the program over time, whether the unseasonable rain has attributed to spikes in bacteria levels, whether there is a cost share program for land owners and what percentage of the grant goes toward that type of thing, and whether the Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) program is run through the Conservation District.

Browne's motion that the Contract (FCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

9. [AB2020-273](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to award bid #20-33 and enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Boss Construction, Inc. for the Swift Creek Channel Excavation and Oat Coles North Repository Development project in the amount of \$644,554.61

Browne moved that the Bid Award be recommended for authorization.

James Lee, Public Works Department, stated he was available for questions.

Browne's motion that the Bid Award be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

10. [AB2020-275](#) Resolution amending Resolution 2019-061 (Amendment #1) relating to the salary schedule and policies for unrepresented Whatcom County employees

Browne moved that the Resolution be recommended for approval.

Nan Kallunki, Administrative Services Department, briefed the Councilmembers on the agenda item.

Councilmembers and Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, discussed considering that elected officials also take a pay cut along with staff and how that can be done within existing laws.

Browne's motion that the Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Browne, Byrd and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Other Business

Councilmembers discussed the time of the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Tyler Byrd-via email 7/29/2020

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Tyler Byrd, Committee Chair

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