



# Whatcom County

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## Agenda Bill Master Report

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### TITLE FOR AGENDA ITEM:

Ordinance closing the Northwest Annex Redevelopment Fund

### SUMMARY STATEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE LANGUAGE:

Request closing the NW Annex Redevelopment Fund and remaining funds of \$2,706,727 be transferred to the newly established project fund, the 32nd Street Property Acquisition Fund, which will be used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to purchasing the 333 32nd Street property.

### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE FILE

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Acting Body:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>Sent To:</b>
01/27/2026	Council	INTRODUCED	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremler	
02/10/2026	Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee	RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION	
		Aye: 5 Boyle, Buchanan, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremler	
02/10/2026	Council	ADOPTED	
		Aye: 4 Boyle, Galloway, Rienstra, and Scanlon	
		Nay: 2 Elenbaas, and Stremler	

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Temp Absent: 1 Buchanan

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**Attachments:** Proposed Ordinance, Notice of Action Proposed on 1.27.2026

PROPOSED BY: Executive  
INTRODUCED: January 27, 2026

**ORDINANCE NO.** 2026-004

**CLOSING THE NW ANNEX REDEVELOPMENT FUND**

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2021, Ordinance 2021-087 created the NW Annex Redevelopment Fund and funded the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has identified an alternative solution to replacing the existing NW Annex building complex through the acquisition of a property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Real Estate Excise Tax Fund I, Public Utilities Improvement Fund (EDI), sale of the Forest Street property, and the sale of the Animal Control Building initially funded the project; and

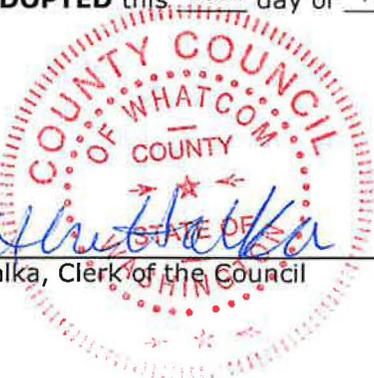
**WHEREAS**, the current cash balance in the fund is approximately \$2,706,727; and

**WHEREAS**, the remaining cash in the fund will be transferred to the newly established project fund, the 32<sup>nd</sup> Street Property Acquisition Fund, which will be used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to purchasing the 333 32<sup>nd</sup> Street property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Whatcom County Council that the NW Annex Redevelopment Fund be dissolved and its remaining cash balance be transferred to the newly established project fund used to account for the revenues and expenditures related to purchasing the 333 32<sup>nd</sup> Street property.

**ADOPTED** this 10th day of February, 2026

ATTEST:

  
Cathy Halka  
Cathy Halka, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kaylee Galloway  
Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Approved by email/B Waldron/A Tan  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor

WHATCOM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Satpal Sidhu  
Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

Approved      ( ) Denied

Date Signed: 2.11.26