

# **Whatcom County Council**

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## **Minutes - Draft Minutes**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

**6 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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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.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 6 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

### FLAG SALUTE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmembers observed a moment of silence in recognition of the tragedy in Texas today.

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

There was no report.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

*Clerk's note:* The Chair moved this item up on the agenda so that it was the first agenda item.

1. [AB2022-269](#) Whatcom County Executive Sidhu will present his "State of the County" remarks to Council

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, stated his heart goes out to the families of the victims in Texas and he read his "State of the County" remarks (on file) into the record.

**This agenda item was PRESENTED.**

### MINUTES CONSENT

***Buchanan moved*** to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded by Frazey (see votes on individual items below).

1. [MIN2022-032](#) Committee of the Whole Executive Session for May 10, 2022

**Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

Absent: 0

2. [MIN2022-033](#) Committee of the Whole for May 10, 2022

**Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

Absent: 0

3. [MIN2022-034](#) Regular County Council for May 10, 2022

**Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

Absent: 0

4. [MIN2022-035](#) Water Work Session for May 17, 2022

**Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

Absent: 0

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. [AB2022-266](#) Request approval for the County Executive to submit up to three (3) applications and enter into grant agreements with the Washington State Department of Commerce for 2022 CDBG grant funding to support local projects that will benefit low-to-moderate income families in Whatcom County

Council staff played a short instructional video about how to speak at the meeting.

Greg Winter, Opportunity Council Executive Director, thanked the Council, Executive, and County staff for their past support for these programs.

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

**Frazey moved and Galloway seconded that the Agreement Requiring a Public**

**Hearing be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2022-239](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Wynn Road

Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered whether there are any public parks around the road.

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

**Buchanan moved and Kershner seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-026

3. [AB2022-261](#) 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 was able to participate in this item since he is personally involved as a petitioner in the matter and whether he can hear the public comments. Elenbaas stayed in the meeting.

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and the following people spoke:

- Wendy Harris
- Brandy Reed

Hearing no one else, Donovan closed the Public Hearing.

Strong addressed the two public comments at the request of Councilmember Byrd.

Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, addressed the public

comment about the language added in Section 16.16.820 (G) and possible liability for the Conservation District at the request of Councilmember Frazey. She stated she feels this language does not obligate the Conservation District to do anything. If they don't perform that function then this clause basically becomes meaningless.

Elenbaas spoke about the proposed added language and gave a history of the issue. He stated the reason this language is there is because the Conservation District does offer farmers the service of creating farm plans. This is not intended to be any form of an unfunded mandate for the Conservation District; it's just an acknowledgement that the Planning and Development Services Department does accept the Conservation District's farm plans as approved farm plans.

Frakes stated it is her opinion that there is a difference between doing farm plans and preparing critical areas assessments that determine that there is no impact to critical areas.

Strong answered if the Conservation District does not do the critical areas assessments what it defaults to in terms of policy.

***Kershner moved*** and Galloway seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED.

Frakes answered whether there are legal issues and whether the Conservation District can refer to a third party if they are not able to do the assessment.

**Kershner's motion that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 6 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Recused:** 1 - Elenbaas

Enactment No: RES 2022-027

4. [AB2022-282](#) Resolution declaring Whatcom County real property surplus

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and the following people spoke:

- Markis Dee
- Paul Schissler

Hearing no one else, Donovan closed the Public Hearing.

**Frazey moved** and Galloway seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered questions and discussed with Councilmembers whether the County is donating this property or providing American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars so that the Opportunity can purchase the property, and why it is not being done at the same time as the transfer of the property (see AB2022-283 below) so that Council is not approving the transfer without knowing the transfer terms.

Byrd stated he would prefer to hold the next agenda item (AB2022-283) until the transfer terms have been decided and finalized.

Councilmembers discussed the motion to approve this resolution and whether they would like to see the terms of the transfer before authorizing it.

**Frazey's motion that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-028

5. [AB2022-283](#) Resolution authorizing the transfer of Whatcom County surplus property

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, stated he does not have any problem holding this item (see discussion on previous agenda item) and answered whether the County could surplus the property for a dollar and still be consistent with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

**Elenbaas moved** that they leave the public hearing open until they have a defined transaction and at that time continue the public hearing and then make a decision.

The motion was seconded by Byrd.

The following people answered what would happen if they leave this public hearing open and then something changes or they choose to move forward in a different manner, and whether the Resolution would still need to be re-introduced since it does not list a value:

- Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council
- Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Elenbaas stated he would like the transaction to be defined so people can be able to comment on exactly what that transaction is going to look like.

Schroeder stated he has every intention to come back to Council to discuss the terms at either the June seventh or June 21st meeting.

Donovan asked if there needs to be a time period added to the motion and Schroeder suggested prior to June 30th.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Kershner, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Galloway

**Nay:** 0

**Final Action: HEARD PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND HELD PUBLIC HEARING OPEN until they have a defined transaction (and no later than June 30).**

## **OPEN SESSION**

The following people spoke:

- Holly O'Neil
- Annie Teed
- Cynthia Sue Ripke-Kutsagoitz
- Misty Flowers
- Klaus Klix
- Don (last name inaudible)
- Art Anderson
- Greg Deloya
- Cliff Langlely
- Lindy McDonough
- Barbara Powers
- Linda McCarthy
- Tami Dockter

- Birgit Ramsey
- Lyle Sorenson
- Tammie Lagerwey
- Melissa Gragg
- Neal Velthuisen
- Roxanne Worrell
- Markis Dee
- Natalie Chavez
- Nancy Bergman
- Kate McDonald
- Richard Johnson
- Robert Bystrom
- Martin Klix
- Name not stated
- Janet Johnson

*Clerk's note:* Councilmembers took a short break then the Open Session continued and the following people spoke:

- RobRoy Graham
- Dam Pham
- Ken Domorod
- Karla Rae
- Ian McCurdy
- Gerry Swieringa
- Enoch Mann
- Sara Rose
- Hank Maleng
- Brandy Reed
- John Ramsey
- Danielle (last name not stated)
- Barbara Sardarov
- Hannah Ordos

Hearing no one else, Donovan closed the Open Session.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

*Byrd* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and



*moved* to approve Consent Agenda items one through eleven.

Councilmembers discussed and then voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2022-252](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority for financial assistance to expand the MOUD (Medication for Opioid Use Disorder) Program in the Jail in the amount of \$149,839.00

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2022-284](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, for a part time Sheriff's Office Deputy to patrol Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, in the amount of \$21,773.14

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

3. [AB2022-285](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, for a part-time Sheriff's Office Deputy to patrol Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, in the amount of \$34,986.86

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

4. [AB2022-286](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest

Service, for overtime patrols, in the amount of \$21,900.00

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

5. [AB2022-287](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Regional Council (NWRC) for Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Nursing Services at the Whatcom County Jail and Work Center in the amount of \$54,748.00

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

6. [AB2022-289](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Whatcom County and Local 114-PD of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees (WSCCCE) Council 2, American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) effective date of adoption through December 31, 2024

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

7. [AB2022-290](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Action Research to develop an outreach program to foster behavior changes related to proper disposal of moderate-risk hazardous waste in the amount of \$74,340

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

8. [AB2022-293](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Western Washington University for support of the construction of a Longhouse in the amount of \$75,000

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

9. [AB2022-297](#) Request approval for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with Kitsap County which will allow reciprocal utilization of competitively bid contracts, pursuant to RCW Chapter 39.34 Interlocal Cooperation Act

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

10. [AB2022-298](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Northwest Youth Services to support operations of an overnight shelter for young adults experiencing homelessness in the amount of \$165,000 for a total amended contract amount of \$250,018

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

11. [AB2022-299](#) Request approval of the 2022 Economic Development Infrastructure Project list for funding from the EDI Fund and approval for the County Executive to enter into the

required interlocals

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Request for Motion be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

## **OTHER ITEMS**

**(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)**

1. [AB2022-260](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Sudden Valley Stormwater Improvements Fund, request no. 1

**Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-042

2. [AB2022-274](#) Ordinance amending the project based budget for the 2010 Jail Improvements Fund, request no. 5

**Byrd** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and ***moved*** that the Ordinance be ADOPTED.

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, answered a question about the total budget amount and whether this is the fund for the sales tax that passed a few years ago for the new jail.

**Byrd's motion that the Ordinance be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-043

3. [AB2022-275](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$11,498,022

**Byrd** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** to adopt the Ordinance as amended in Committee (to pull the \$1.5 million from the Conservation Futures Fund to purchase the conservation easement for Stewart Mountain Community Forest property from the supplemental budget).

Councilmembers discussed the recommended amendment and the Ordinance.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, answered whether there is a way to separately introduce the item that was recommended to be withdrawn. She stated what we need is a motion to adopt the Ordinance and then a motion to amend the Ordinance to remove that Stewart Mountain piece. There is an Ordinance prepared by Finance that we can add to introduction tonight to take care of that Stewart Mountain piece if the Council wishes.

**Byrd withdrew** his motion and **moved** that the Ordinance be adopted.

**Byrd moved** to amend the Ordinance to withdraw the \$1.5 million request “to fund purchase of conservation easement for Stewart Mountain Community Forest property - Phase I” based on the Committee recommendation.

The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Elenbaas, Kershner, and Byrd

**Nay:** 4 - Frazey, Galloway, Buchanan, and Donovan

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, addressed a comment about and Councilmembers discussed how these types of ordinances are presented as several items put into one.

Byrd asked why the Council would not give time in one more meeting for something that is not time sensitive so that Councilmembers can get questions answered.

Kershner stated she has reached out to County staff and to the residents in South Fork and she has been working with both parties to come to some kind of a resolution and understanding. She will continue to do that whether this passes tonight or not.

Chris Elder, Public Works Department, answered whether the Stewart

Mountain item could be delayed for two weeks.

***Buchanan moved*** to reconsider the motion on the amendment. The motion was seconded by Galloway.

The motion to reconsider carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

Elenbaas spoke about the expenditures proposed in the Ordinance and stated this is right about the number that they have been talking about on an annual basis to service a debt to build a corrections facility.

The motion to amend to remove Stewart Mountain from this Ordinance carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

Councilmembers discussed the motion to adopt the Ordinance as amended.

**Byrd's motion that the Ordinance be ADOPTED AS AMENDED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-044

(Item removed from this ordinance will be introduced tonight as a separate ordinance)

4. [AB2022-280](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 3.08.095, Small Works Roster Contract Award process, to update requirements for Bids and Proposals

***Byrd*** reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and ***moved*** to hold this item in Committee until the next meeting.

Councilmembers discussed the motion and getting specific examples of this situation.

**Byrd's motion that the Ordinance be HELD IN COMMITTEE until the next meeting carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

**(From Council Committee of the Whole)**

5. [AB2022-302](#) Resolution supporting every person's right to inclusive healthcare  
Donovan reported for the Committee of the Whole.

**Frazey moved** and Galloway seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Resolution (as amended in committee) be APPROVED.

Frazey and Kershner read their comments on the Resolution into the record and Councilmembers discussed the Resolution and the role of the County Council.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated that they would be voting on the amended version of the Resolution.

**Frazey moved and Galloway seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Resolution (as amended in committee) be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Galloway

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**Abstain:** 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

Enactment No: RES 2022-029

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2022-258](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Board of Supervisors for Drainage Improvement District #6, Position 1, to serve a partial term until the next election in February 2024  
- Applicant(s): Edward L. Thompson

**Kershner moved and Buchanan seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be APPOINTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2022-276](#) Appointment to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for the Justice Project,

applicants: Teresa Bosteter, Eve Smason-Marcus (Application deadline for any other applicants to this vacancy is 10 a.m. on May 17, 2022)

Cathy Halka, Council Legislative Analyst, briefed the Councilmembers.

***Buchanan moved*** and Galloway seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be APPOINTED.

Elenbaas stated this position on this advisory committee holds the most weight and he is happy people are applying for the two open vacancies.

**Buchanan's motion that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction (both applicants) be APPOINTED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

### **CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES**

1. [AB2022-294](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointments of Shamika Brooks, Edna Revey and Therese Horan to the Public Health Advisory Board

**Kershner moved and Frazey seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2022-296](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive's appointment of Jim Boyle to the Marine Resources Committee

***Buchanan moved*** and Frazey seconded that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED.

Councilmembers discussed whether the applicant is being re-appointed.

**Buchanan's motion that the Executive Appointment be CONFIRMED carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0



## ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

There were no agenda items added by revision but an ordinance (AB2022-319) was added to Introduction after an amendment to AB2022-275 tonight.

## INTRODUCTION ITEMS

***Kershner moved*** to introduce items one through three (with AB2022-319 being added after amending AB2022-275 earlier tonight). The motion was seconded by Buchanan (see votes on individual items below).

Elenbaas discussed the Stewart Mountain Ordinance.

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, stated that the substitute version of AB2022-303 as amended in Committee is what is being introduced this evening.

1. [AB2022-303](#) Ordinance providing for the submission of a proposition to the qualified electors of Whatcom County authorizing the County to lift the limit on regular property taxes under Chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding for childcare, early learning programs, and increased support for vulnerable children

**Kershner moved and Buchanan seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Ordinance be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2022-281](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Board of Equalization for an at-large alternate - Applicant(s): Thomas Goetzl and Jen Glyzinski

**Kershner moved and Buchanan seconded that the Council Appointment Requiring Introduction be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

- [AB2022-319](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request No. 8a, in the amount of \$1,500,000

**Kershner moved and Buchanan seconded that the Ordinance be**

**INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

**COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES**

Councilmembers gave committee reports and spoke about other topics including:

- Learning with Public Works staff what goes into an infrastructure project in urban growth areas
- Having the County undergo an evaluation to look at core services and staff resources in the County
- Work on a resolution regarding transportation needs
- A tour of the Nelson Road Tree Farm
- A recent Flood Control Zone meeting
- Mental Health Awareness Month and a rise in suicide
- Higher fuel, material, and supply costs for farmers right now
- Hearing from the community in open session

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Todd Donovan, Council Chair

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Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription