

Whatcom County Council

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE REMOTE JOIN
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360.778.5010) - AGENDA REVISED 8.8.2022**

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 - Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, Kathy Kershner, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, and Todd Donovan

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, reported on the following:

- A Whatcom County project to replace the Lummi Island ferry has been approved for a \$10 million grant from the County Road Administration Board. This recommendation goes to the Legislature for the 2023 session for fund allocations in the next biennium budget.
- The Whatcom County grant application for the federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant of \$25 million has been approved.
- A letter sent to the Council and the Executive by all the seven Whatcom County city mayors asking for immediate action and financial commitment from the County Council to start work on a public safety facility replacement project and pledging financial and other resources

MINUTES CONSENT

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

1. [MIN2022-047](#) Special Council for July 19, 2022

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [MIN2022-048](#) Committee of the Whole for July 26, 2022

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [MIN2022-049](#) Regular County Council for July 26, 2022

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [MIN2022-050](#) Joint Health Board and PHAB for Aug 2, 2022

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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

1. [AB2022-380](#) Ordinance granting Cascade Natural Gas Corporation a franchise for the transportation of natural gas in Whatcom County

Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers and stated he was available for questions.

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

Byrd moved and Buchanan seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-056

2. [AB2022-425](#) Ordinance temporarily amending Whatcom County Code Section 11.20.025, flotation devices on the South fork of the Nooksack River, to better protect ESA-listed Chinook salmon

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, answered if there needs to be two separate public hearings for this and the next item since one is a version of the Ordinance that is interim and one is a version of the Ordinance that is permanent.

The following people presented:

- RoseMary LaClair, Nooksack Chairwoman
- Ned Currence, Nooksack Tribe
- GI James, Lummi Nation Council

They answered what is considered an encounter, whether they do any counts on the number of salmon at the mouth of the river and at different intervals up the river so they can see how far the fish are making it on average, whether there is any data at all then that shows how far up fish are making it and what percentage, what the primary concern is with floaters on the river, and whether this Resolution would fix the problem.

Treva Coe, Nooksack Tribe Natural & Cultural Resources Department, spoke about concerns about recreation on the river and the trampling of reds.

James and Currence answered when reds hatch in the South Fork, whether 2,500 fish died during or before the flood in November of 2021, whether there was an increase of salmon while a lot of tubing was still occurring, whether an Ordinance in 2005 (AB2005-173A or Ord 2005-089) only closed tubing up to Acme bridge, whether it is more the condition and temperature of the river than tubers that affect the salmon, and whether there are some other solutions that could be looked at to lower the temperature of the water or maybe make some deeper pools.

John Thompson, Public Works Department, spoke about the reason for the closure area in the 2005 Ordinance.

LaClair spoke about whether there is something they could do to lower the

temperature of the river rather than banning tubing.

Elenbaas spoke about what other factors might be involved in the decline of salmon, what we need to do to get back to the harvest levels of 1985, and working together to determine what measures are effective.

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and the following people spoke:

- Lance Hanson
- Markis Dee
- Jeff Margolis
- Jessica Mucha
- Rob Merhaut
- Valerie Lloyd
- Cliff Langley
- Jim Sutterfield
- Misty Flowers
- Paul Shuey
- Hannah
- Dennis Rensink
- Natalie Chavez
- Name not stated
- Lyle Sorenson
- Name not heard
- Karla Rae
- Alexander Harris
- Wendy Harris
- Atul Deshmane
- Alexandra Williams
- Virginia Naef
- Fran
- Ian Smith
- Sara Rose
- Enoch Mann

Hearing no one else, Donovan closed the Public Hearing.

Galloway moved and Donovan seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED.

Councilmembers spoke about the Ordinance and the motion, keeping recreation opportunities for people and also doing everything they can to protect salmon, whether they should put up educational signage in key areas, whether education is better than a ban, a concern that there is no way to really enforce a ban, and getting more information on what netting the river entails.

Galloway's motion that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be adopted FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Galloway, Buchanan, and Donovan

Nay: 4 - Elenbaas, Frazey, Kershner, and Byrd

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-417](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 11.20.025, flotation devices on the South fork of the Nooksack River, to better protect ESA-listed Chinook salmon
- Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, stated given what happened on the temporary Ordinance it is pretty clear what would happen on the permanent Ordinance and suggested they bring forward a motion to withdraw the Ordinance so that would negate the need to have a second public hearing.

Byrd moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be WITHDRAWN. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

OPEN SESSION

Clerk's note: Councilmembers took a short break.

The following people spoke:

- Fallon
- Misty Flowers
- Cliff Langley
- Mary Kay Robinson
- Susan David
- Allison Trimble
- Markis Dee
- John Marshall
- Name not stated

- GI James
- Nancy Bergman
- Ben Brown
- Lyle Sorenson
- Richard Tran
- Barbara Powers
- Nick Leader
- Patrick Alesse
- Adam Bellingar
- Robert Bystrom
- Natalie Chavez
- Dee (last name inaudible)
- Pamela Carron
- Patty (Ashley Wines' mother)
- Name not stated
- Perry Eskridge
- Karla Rae
- Wendy Harris
- Sara Rose
- Fran

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 four and six through twelve. He stated that Consent Agenda item number five (AB2022-424) would be considered separately (see item below under the Consent Agenda). Councilmembers voted on the Consent items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2022-370](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for refugee stabilization services in the amount of \$250,000

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

2. [AB2022-415](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a residential lease agreement between Whatcom County and Jarek Olivetti and Roxanne Martin to reside at 677 North Lake Samish Road, for a monthly rent of \$1,709

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

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-418](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Point Roberts Park & Recreation District No. 1, for use of Lighthouse Marine Park to operate a kayak rental program

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

4. [AB2022-421](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and Snohomish County for the use of up to 45 Snohomish County jail beds in the amount of \$1,200,000.00

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

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-424](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to build a health, resource, and service navigation system that will provide timely connection of parents and children, pre-natal to five years, to a range of protective and supportive services, in the amount of \$207,350 for a total amended contract amount of \$285,147

This item was considered separately. See below under the Consent Agenda.

6. [AB2022-433](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and ESA to implement the Coastal and Riverine Compound Flood Vulnerability and Risk Assessment project, in the amount of \$ 100,000.00

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

7. [AB2022-436](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interagency Agreement Amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts to increase reimbursements of Blake decision legal costs by \$787,751 for a total amended amount of \$2,578,372

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

8. [AB2022-438](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the Washington State Department of Health for the delivery and funding of various public health services in the amount of \$2,651,000, for a total amended agreement amount of \$9,430,654

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

9. [AB2022-439](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Abatement and Decontamination Specialists to remediate the threat of public health hazards on properties with long-term solid waste violations, in the amount of \$50,000

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

10. [AB2022-445](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Kulshan Community Land Trust to support acquisition of land for affordable housing, in the amount of \$1,250,746.60

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

11. [AB2022-446](#) Request approval for the County Executive to award Bid #22-14 Rental Rates for Construction Equipment Without Operator to all bidders with the award for each vendor not to exceed \$100,000.00

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

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

12. [AB2022-448](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interagency Agreement between Whatcom County and the Washington Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement of expenses relating to the Uniform Guardianship Act, in the amount of \$58,428

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

Nay: 1 - Elenbaas

Absent: 0

Consent Agenda Item Considered Separately

5. [AB2022-424](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to build a health, resource, and service navigation system that will provide timely connection of parents and children, pre-natal to five years, to a range of protective and supportive services, in the amount of \$207,350 for a total amended contract amount of \$285,147

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the Contract be AUTHORIZED.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Byrd's motion that the Contract be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 3 - Elenbaas, Kershner, and Byrd

Absent: 0

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2022-408](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 11, in the amount of \$250,000

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 - Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, Buchanan, Byrd, and Donovan

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-057

2. [AB2022-423](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the United States Department of Interior, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to jointly fund continued stream gaging stations in the Nooksack River, in the amount of \$ 98,502.00 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and

moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-442](#) Resolution in the matter of the sale of surplus personal property and setting a date for public hearing, pursuant to WCC 1.10

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-035

4. [AB2022-447](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Amendment of the Economic Development Investment Program Interlocal Grant Agreement between Whatcom County and Port of Bellingham for the Rural Broadband construction project

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-449](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to operate the Whatcom Homeless Service Center in the amount of \$282,239 for a total amended contract amount of \$2,507,248

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and ***moved*** that the Contract be AUTHORIZED.

Councilmembers discussed the motion and the presentation given in committee today.

Byrd's motion that the Contract be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 3 - Elenbaas, Kershner, and Byrd

Absent: 0

6. [AB2022-450](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an Interlocal Grant Agreement between Whatcom County and Port of Bellingham for additional EDI funding to support the rural broadband project, in the amount of \$2,000,000

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED.

Tyler Schroeder, Director of Administrative Services, answered what the balance of the Economic Development Investment (EDI) fund will be with the \$2 million taken out.

Byrd's motion that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

(From Council Public Works and Health Committee)

7. [AB2022-427](#) Ordinance amending Ordinance 2020-079 to change the due date of the Phase III Report of the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force

Kershner reported for the Public Works and Health Committee and **moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-058

(From Council Planning and Development Committee)

8. [AB2022-440](#) Request for a Motion to grant the City of Bellingham notice to proceed in applying for a Major Project Permit for their Umbrella Mitigation Bank

Elenbaas moved the following:

The Whatcom County Council has reviewed the City of Bellingham's Umbrella Mitigation Bank Prospectus and finds it complete, technically

accurate, and consistent with the purpose and intent of Whatcom County Code (WCC) Chapter 16.16 (Critical Areas). Furthermore, the proposed bank involves no conversion of agricultural land to nonagricultural uses. We therefore grant the City of Bellingham notice to proceed in applying for a Major Project Permit for the project.

The motion was seconded by Byrd.

Analiase Burns, City of Bellingham Habitat and Restoration Manager, and Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department, answered whether the City is primarily bearing the cost on this, how the public comment period worked and what the comments were, how people knew there was a public comment period, whether there will be further opportunity for public comment when the major project permit process starts, the major project permit process itself, whether this is a binding vote, and whether the City can hold them liable in the future in a court of law if they do not vote the same way next time.

Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, stated she did not want to offer a legal opinion at this time but could look into it for the Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

9. [AB2022-422](#) Resolution establishing priorities for Whatcom County's 2025 Comprehensive Plan update

Donovan reported for the Committee of the Whole and stated another substitute (version 7) was emailed to the Councilmembers.

Galloway spoke about the changes in the substitute.

Elenbaas moved to approve the Resolution without Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Kershner.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, answered whether the statement in the Resolution that says, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by

the Whatcom County Council that the attached Exhibit A be considered as possible implementation strategies and actions that could help accomplish the priorities listed in this resolution” makes it clear enough that Exhibit A is not binding.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Elenbaas, and Kershner

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

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the SUBSTITUTE Resolution be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Frazey, Galloway, Kershner, Buchanan, and Donovan

Nay: 2 - Elenbaas, and Byrd

Absent: 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-036

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2022-437](#) Request confirmation of the County Executive’s appointment of Dennis Holloran to the Whatcom County Appeals Board

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

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

Introduction item AB2022-443 was added by revision. See below.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Buchanan moved to introduce items one through five (item five was added by agenda revision). The motion was seconded by Frazey (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2022-435](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 12, in the amount of \$4,068,703

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2022-451](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Chapter 5.04, Ambulance Franchises, to address diversity, equity, and inclusion on the EMS Oversight Board and EMS Technical Advisory Committee and to define the process and elements of an EMS Levy Service Plan

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-431](#) Resolution vacating an unnamed alley within the Plat of Lummi Park on Lummi Island

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2022-434](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District & Subzones 2022 budget, request no. 5, in the amount of \$78,598 (Council acting as the Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-443](#) Resolution authorizing the sale of personal property, pursuant to WCC 1.10

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmembers gave committee reports.

Elenbaas spoke about open session comments and requested that the Council accept the offer to get together with the Lummi Nation to talk about the river, salmon, and agriculture.

Councilmembers gave other updates and discussed the issues going on at 22 North and Galloway stated she would support an opportunity to do a work session in September to work on solutions.

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, spoke about a recent meeting on the issue. He stated we are not giving Northwest Youth Services a pass but giving them a pathway. We have to find a solution.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription