

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

COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Final

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019
11 AM
Council Chambers**

COUNCILMEMBERS

Tyler Byrd
Carol Frazey
Satpal Sidhu

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Call To Order

Committee Chair Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

Roll Call

Present: 3 - Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey and Satpal Sidhu

Absent: None

County Executive's Report

Jack Louws, County Executive, reported on the following items:

Work with staff on the Cascadia Law Contract and Cherry Point related issues
The Triage Center groundbreaking
Finalization of budget adjustments for 2020

1. AB2019-492 Report from Human Resources Division

Karen Goens, Human Resources Manager, gave a report and answered questions about various types of employment separation and looking at trends and changes in the average age of employees.

This agenda item was REPORTED.

Committee Discussion

1. AB2019-488 Discussion of an ordinance establishing the Affordable and Supportive Housing Fund

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, gave a report and answered questions about the mechanism used to define the composition of the Whatcom County Housing Advisory Committee (WCHAC), how many people will be on that committee, including concerns of the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee in the recommendations, and a request of the City of Bellingham Mayor for an annually recognized community-wide housing action plan to address affordable housing for people who do and do not meet the requirements of Substitute House Bill 1406 (SBH 1406).

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. AB2019-478 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interagency agreement between Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District and State of Washington Puget Sound Partnership for coordination of the Whatcom County Local Integrating Organization (LIO), in the amount of \$75,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, gave a report and answered questions about the level of input and influence of an organization that has given money, the roll of the Puget Sound Partnership, coordinating the work of other State and local agencies, and measures taken to address the concerns of the community.

Frazezy moved that the Contract (WCFCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Frazezy and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

2. AB2019-487 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology to fund administrative support and action projects for the Whatcom County Marine Resources Committee, in the amount of \$182,313 (Council Acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Byrd moved that the Contract (WCFCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Byrd, Frazezy and Sidhu

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. AB2019-498 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Birch Bay Water and Sewer District for implementation of stormwater and water quality programs (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Sidhu left the meeting and Carol Frazezy took over the role as Chair.

Byrd moved that the Contract (WCFCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Byrd and Frazezy

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Sidhu

Council "Consent Agenda" Items

1. AB2019-494 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Geneva Consulting Services for coordination of the Whatcom Lead Integrating Organization, in the amount of \$68,616.11

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, pointed out a scrivener's error on the agenda title which should read "...the Whatcom ~~Lead~~ Local Integrating Organization..."

Gary Stoyka, Public Works Department, gave a report and answered questions about the scope of work included in the Local Integrating Organization (LIO) grant agreement and how the role and involvement of the Planning Unit fits into the funding and the work being done.

Byrd moved that the Contract (WCFCZDBS) be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Sidhu

Abstain: 1 - Byrd

2. AB2019-485 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority for substance use prevention services in high-need communities, in the amount of \$577,550

Byrd moved that the interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT.

Byrd moved to send the contract back to the State with a proposed amendment to the definition for "Healthy Equity" on packet page 139 as follows:

"Health Equity" means the "attainment of the highest level of health for all people."
~~Achieving health equity requires valuing everyone equally with focused and ongoing societal efforts to address avoidable inequalities, historical and contemporary injustices, and the elimination of health and health care disparities." (Healthy People 2020)~~

Anne Deacon, from the Health Department, and Councilmembers discussed the proposed amendment.

The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Byrd

Nay: 1 - Frazey

Absent: 1 - Sidhu

The MOTION TO RECOMMEND AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Frazey

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 1 - Sidhu

3. AB2019-486 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority for treatment and recovery support services to individuals involved in the criminal justice system, in the amount of \$174,881

Byrd moved that the Interlocal be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 2 - Byrd and Frazey

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Sidhu

4. AB2019-501 Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and FLO Analytics to assist with the developing of the 2020 Lake Whatcom Stormwater Utility Fee in the amount of \$28,715.00

Kraig Olason, Public Works, answered questions about the proposed fee structure and the timeline for completing the work.

Byrd moved that the Contract be RECOMMENDED FOR AUTHORIZATION BY CONSENT. The motion TO RECOMMEND failed by the following vote:

Aye: 1 - Frazey

Nay: 1 - Byrd

Absent: 1 - Sidhu

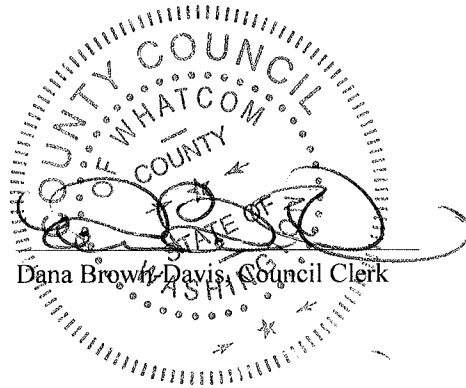
Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.


ATTEST:



Dana Brown Davis, Council Clerk

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