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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

March 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

ROLL CALL

Present: Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Satpal Sidhu
Absent: None
Also Present: Barbara Brenner, Barry Buchanan, and Rud Browne

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Jack Louws, County Executive, reported on the following items and answered questions:

1. Funding for triage facility operations
2. Upcoming supplemental budget requests for the jail contract
3. Upcoming Cascadia Law contract approval

Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office, spoke about the three items scheduled for public hearing at the evening County Council meeting:

1. AB2019-153 Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 6.04 Animal Control, Chapter 6.04.020 Definitions and 6.04.031 Administration and Enforcement

Schroeder gave a staff report and answered questions.

2. AB2019-158 Resolution and Public Hearing regarding support for a Community Development Block Grant funding application

Schroeder gave a staff report and answered questions.

Greg Winter, Opportunity Council Executive Director, answered questions on homeless shelter opportunities at the Opportunity Council..

3. AB2019-159 Resolution requesting Council authorization of the release of covenants on the property known as the Playground Tract, Bennett Hill supplemental

Schroeder gave a staff report and answered questions on the history of past agreements and covenants, neighborhood concerns, potential legal liability, and public hearing requirements.

1 **SPECIAL REPORT**
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3 **1. AB2019-169 PRESENTATION FROM THE WESTERN WASHINGTON**
4 **UNIVERSITY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER REGARDING THEIR**
5 **2018 SERVICES AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS IN WHATCOM COUNTY**
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7 CJ Seitz, Small Business Development Center (SBDC), gave a video and PowerPoint
8 presentation on the history of the SBDC, how the SBDC helps its clients, and successes in
9 2018. She answered questions.
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11 Councilmembers and Ms. Seitz discussed diversity of the clients and focusing on
12 small businesses.
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14 **2. AB2019-168 PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
15 **STRATEGY**
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17 Don Goldberg, Port of Bellingham, gave a presentation on the 2019 strategic plan for
18 economic development and answered questions.
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20 Councilmembers and Mr. Goldberg discussed the timing of rural broadband in the
21 county, defining the difference between small and big businesses, coordinating
22 communications in rural areas with emergency services, cybersecurity, and data showing
23 the return on the County's investment.
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26 **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**
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28 **1. AB2019-150 ORDINANCE INCREASING SHERIFF'S OFFICE PETTY CASH**
29 **FUND**
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31 *Byrd moved* to recommend adoption to the full Council.
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33 The motion carried by the following vote:

34 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

35 **Nays:** None (0)
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37 **2. AB2019-160 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 WHATCOM COUNTY**
38 **BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 4, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,260,652**
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40 *Frazey moved* to recommend adoption to the full Council.
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42 The following Health Department staff answered questions:

- 43 • Jeff Hegedus
- 44 • John Wolpers
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46 Councilmembers and staff discussed the replacement of the 1961 trailer, how much
47 money is collected in Point Roberts for garbage services, level of garbage service, and the
48 geographic challenges of providing garbage service to Point Roberts.
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50 *Frazey moved* to amend to remove item 2701, funding for repairs to the Plantation
51 Rifle Range.
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1 The following staff answered questions:

- 2 • Christina Schoenfelder, Public Works Department
- 3 • Jack Louws, County Executive
- 4 • Christ Tomsen, Parks Department
- 5 • Mike McFarlane, Parks Department Director

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7 Councilmembers and staff discussed the need for the ferry terminal structural repair
8 and repairs to and operation of the Plantation Rifle Range.

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10 The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

11 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

12 **Nays:** None (0)

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14 **Byrd moved** to amend to remove budget items as shown on packet page 28:

- 15 • Item one for funding for Project Now in the Health Department in the amount
- 16 of \$114,985
- 17 • Item five for funding Point Roberts solid waste facilities improvements in the
- 18 amount of \$85,000

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20 Councilmembers and staff discussed the need to complete repairs on the Plantation
21 Rifle Range.

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23 **Byrd amended his motion and moved** to amend to remove the two items and
24 hold the two items in committee for more information.

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26 The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

27 **Ayes:** Byrd (1)

28 **Nays:** Frazey and Sidhu (2)

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30 The motion to recommend adoption as amended carried by the following vote:

31 **Ayes:** Frazey and Sidhu (2)

32 **Nays:** Byrd (1)

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34 **3. AB2019-156 ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE 2019-017**

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36 **Byrd moved** to recommend adoption to the full Council.

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38 The motion carried by the following vote:

39 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

40 **Nays:** None (0)

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42 **4. AB2019-161 RESOLUTION CELEBRATING APRIL AS A MONTH OF SIKH**
43 **AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION IN WHATCOM COUNTY**

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45 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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47 The motion carried by the following vote:

48 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

49 **Nays:** None (0)

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51 **5. AB2019-191 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RETAINING THE ALASKA**
52 **MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM BETWEEN BELLINGHAM AND ALASKA**
53 **DESTINATIONS**

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2 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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4 Councilmembers discussed getting more information on why this service is a value to
5 the community.
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7 The motion carried by the following vote:

8 **Ayes:** Frazey and Sidhu (2)

9 **Nays:** None (0)

10 **Abstains:** Byrd (1)
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13 **COUNCIL "CONSENT AGENDA" ITEMS**
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- 15 **1. AB2019-164 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
16 **ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WHATCOM**
17 **COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC, INC. AND T-MOBILE WEST LLC FOR**
18 **THIRD AMENDMENT TO SITE EASEMENT WITH OPTIONS**
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20 This item is withdrawn from the agenda.
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- 22 **2. AB2019-165 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
23 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WHATCOM COUNTY AND REISNER**
24 **DISTRIBUTORS, INC., TO PROVIDE CARD LOCK FUEL SERVICES FOR**
25 **WHATCOM COUNTY FLEET VEHICLES AT PACIFIC PRIDE FUELING STATIONS**
26 **IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000**
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28 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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30 The motion carried by the following vote:

31 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

32 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 34 **3. AB2019-166 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
35 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND MT.**
36 **CONSTITUTION SITES, INC, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MT. CONSTITUTION**
37 **RADIO TOWER LEASE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,655.05**
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39 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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41 The motion carried by the following vote:

42 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

43 **Nays:** None (0)
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- 45 **4. AB2019-170 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
46 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND WASHINGTON**
47 **STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO OBLIGATE FEDERAL**
48 **CONSTRUCTION FUNDS FOR THE GUARDRAIL SAFETY PROGRAM, IN THE**
49 **AMOUNT OF \$805,000**
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51 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.
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1 The motion carried by the following vote:

2 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

3 **Nays:** None (0)

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- 5 **5. AB2019-174 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
- 6 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND PUBLIC**
- 7 **SAFETY TESTING, INC. TO CONDUCT BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS ON**
- 8 **CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, IN THE**
- 9 **AMOUNT OF \$42,000**

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11 **Byrd moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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14 The motion carried by the following vote:

15 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

16 **Nays:** None (0)

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- 18 **6. AB2019-177 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
- 19 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND THE**
- 20 **WATERSHED COMPANY TO ASSIST IN THE PERIODIC REVIEW OF THE**
- 21 **SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000**
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23 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the full Council.

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25 The motion carried by the following vote:

26 **Ayes:** Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)

27 **Nays:** None (0)

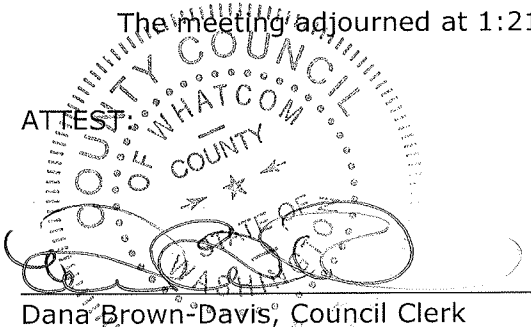
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30 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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32 There was no other business.

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35 **ADJOURN**

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37 The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

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40 **ATTEST:**

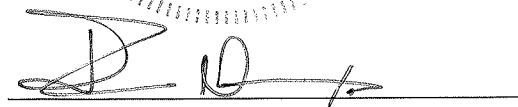


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Satpal Sidhu, Committee Chair



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