

# **Whatcom County Council Planning and Development Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

**2:30 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Todd Donovan

Ben Elenbaas

Kaylee Galloway

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## Call To Order

Committee Chair Ben Elenbaas called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

**Absent:** None

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

## Announcements

## Committee Discussion

1. [AB2022-490](#) Discussion of proposed ordinance adopting various amendments to WCC Title 20 Chapters 20.51 and 20.71 and other references to the Department of Ecology Stormwater Manual

Cliff Strong, Planning and Development Services Department, read from the Staff Report (on file) and answered whether there is an Ordinance that is proposed that would have the Planning Commission's language, and whether this Ordinance is scheduled for introduction tonight.

**Donovan moved** to amend the Ordinance to change the word "shall" to "may" in the four sections of the code in Exhibit A referenced by Strong (20.51.430(7e), 20.51.440(7e), 20.71.354(7e), and 20.71.356(7s) and in issue number four so that it reads "Financial sureties for replacement trees ~~shall~~ may be required").

Councilmembers and Strong discussed the effect of the motion.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Donovan, Galloway, and Elenbaas

**Nay:** 0

Strong continued to read from the Staff Report and answered whether Public Works stormwater projects have to be reviewed by Planning and Development Services for stormwater compliance now and the change suggested in Policy Issue number five from the Staff Memo proposes that those projects would be exempt from review.

Michael Kershner, Planning and Development Services Department, answered why the code sections under "Deletion of unused sections" (Staff

Report issue number seven) are not used.

Strong answered whether there has been any study to determine if these code changes will reduce the stormwater runoff and phosphorus into Lake Whatcom.

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

**Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

**Ben Elenbaas-via email 9/16/2022**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

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