

# Whatcom County Council

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## Action Summary

ENCOURAGED TO VIEW ONLINE; AGENDA REVISED 3.23.2020 (SEE REVISION N

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020**

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**Council Chambers**

### COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne  
Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Carol Frazey  
Kathy Kershner

### CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## COUNTY COUNCIL

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, Ben Elenbaas, and Kathy Kershner

**Absent:** None

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [AB2020-121](#) Resolution regarding support for a Community Development Block Grant funding application and review of current CDBG funding opportunities

**APPROVED**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2020-011

2. [AB2020-154](#) Resolution supporting a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Opportunities grant application

**APPROVED**

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

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: RES 2020-012

### OPEN SESSION

### OTHER ITEMS

1. [AB2020-110](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Freedom 2000, LLC dba Cando Recycling and Disposal to lease the Johnson Road Transfer Station Facility in Point Roberts, in the amount of \$750 per month

**HELD IN COUNCIL**

**Aye:** 5 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, and Kershner

**Nay:** 2 - Browne, and Frazey

**Absent:** 0

2. [AB2020-118](#) Ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 6, in the amount of \$339,615

**ADOPTED**

**Aye:** 5 - Browne, Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner

**Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas

**Absent:** 0

**Abstain:** 1 - Byrd

Enactment No: ORD 2020-009

3. [AB2020-119](#) Ordinance establishing the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund and establishing a project based budget for Swift Creek Capital Projects

**ADOPTED**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2020-010

4. [AB2020-120](#) Ordinance authorizing an interfund loan to finance cash flow for the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund

**ADOPTED**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2020-011

5. [AB2020-140](#) Request approval for the Council Chair to sign on behalf of the Council the 2020 PIC (Pollution Identification and Correction) Program introductory letter

**APPROVED REQUEST**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

6. [AB2020-127](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and the City of Lynden to remove Yakima County Jail and add Kittitas County Jail as a Correctional Facility utilized by Whatcom County
- AUTHORIZED**
- Aye:** 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 0
7. [AB2020-128](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and the Whatcom Humane Society to extend the term of the agreement an additional eight months through December 31, 2020
- AUTHORIZED**
- Aye:** 6 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, and Kershner
- Nay:** 1 - Elenbaas
- Absent:** 0
8. [AB2020-133](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to amend a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Military for the FY2017 Operation Stonegarden Program grant extending the expiration date, revising Key Personnel, and adjusting grant timeline dates
- AUTHORIZED**
- Aye:** 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 0
9. [AB2020-134](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to provide administrative oversight of the Domestic Violence Perpetrator Opportunity for Treatment Services in the amount \$100,000
- AUTHORIZED**
- Aye:** 7 - Browne, Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Frazey, Elenbaas, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 0
10. [AB2020-152](#) Discussion regarding rental eviction proceedings associated with COVID-19 public health emergency
- DISCUSSED**

11. [AB2020-149](#) Emergency ordinance amending the 2020 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 8, in the amount of \$1,155,821

**ADOPTED**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

Enactment No: ORD 2020-012

12. [AB2020-153](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and Washington State Department of Commerce for emergency housing funding necessary to immediately respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, in the amount of \$905,821

**AUTHORIZED**

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

**Nay:** 0

**Absent:** 0

13. [AB2020-155](#) Discussion regarding property tax law as it related to COVID-19

**DISCUSSED AND A MOTION WAS APPROVED**

A motion was approved to ask the Administration to begin looking at where reductions in costs could be made as we navigate this crisis and anticipate reduced tax revenue.

14. [AB2020-156](#) Discussion with PDS regarding ideas received from the BIAWC related to health order essential function

**DISCUSSED**

15. [AB2020-160](#) Presentation from Lummi Nation related to COVID-19

**PRESENTED AND DISCUSSED**

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

Motion 1: to request the Health Department tell what their plan is for people who are either sick un-sick in the Shuksan and other care facilities.

Motion Approved 7-0

Motion 2: that the Health Department provide location information for any confirmed or suspected positive COVID-19 cases to first responders so they know about it when they respond to a call.

Motion Approved 5-0-2 with Browne and Donovan Abstaining

**ADJOURN**