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ACTION TAKEN

The Whatcom County Council adopted the following at its December 5, 2023, meeting: **ORDINANCE (2023-077) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 3.72, CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – APPRENTICE REQUIREMENTS, TO ALIGN WITH RCW 39.04.320 (AB2023-736)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 3.72 (Construction Projects – Apprentice Requirements) to align with the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 39.04.320 (Apprenticeship training programs) which was amended to include municipalities. This ordinance was introduced November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-078) ADOPTING VARIOUS AMENDMENTS TO WHATCOM COUNTY CODE TITLES 20 (ZONING) AND 21 (LAND DIVISION REGULATIONS) (AB2023-748)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code Titles 20 (Zoning) and 21 (Land Division Regulations) to maintain consistency with state regulations, correct grammar, improve procedures, and modify policies. The two proposed policy changes involve a requirement for overflow parking for certain residential developments using private roads and a requirement that garbage collection service providers review and approve proposed garbage enclosures. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-079) CLOSING SUDDEN VALLEY STORMWATER IMPROVEMENT FUND 371 (AB2023-746)**: This ordinance dissolves the Sudden Valley Stormwater Improvements Fund and returns its remaining cash balance to the Real Estate Excise Tax Fund II. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-080) CLOSING THE MARINE DRIVE, LOCUST AVENUE TO ALDERWOOD AVENUE FUND 380 (AB2023-752)**: This ordinance dissolves the Marine Drive, Locust Avenue to Alderwood Avenue Fund and returns its remaining cash balance to the Road Fund. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-081) AMENDING THE 2023 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 16, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,531,078 (AB2023-754)**: This ordinance amends the 2023 Whatcom County Budget as follows: From the General Fund – appropriate \$4,300,000 in Non-Departmental to fund Community Priorities Fund; appropriate \$323,910 in Planning and Development Services to fund 2025 Comprehensive Plan update (Climate Planning Funding from grant proceeds); appropriate \$338,236 in Prosecutor’s Office to fund HCA LEAD expenses from grant proceeds; appropriate \$167,250 in Prosecutor’s Office to fund Department of Justice LEAD expenses from grant proceeds; appropriate \$25,000 in Prosecutor’s Office to fund additional overtime; appropriate \$5,000 in Prosecutor’s Office to fund Goldfogel Professional Services; appropriate \$20,000 in Prosecutor’s Office to fund temporary part-time Legal Assistant; record \$4,300,000 in Prosecutor’s Office to fund ARPA Revenue Loss-General Government Services; appropriate \$12,000 in Sheriff to fund reimbursable overtime increase 2023; appropriate \$39,682 in Sheriff to fund DEA SLOT overtime reimbursement. From the American Rescue Plan Act Fund – appropriate \$4,300,000 to fund ARPA Transfer Out Revenue Loss from grant proceeds. From the Community Priorities Fund – record \$4,300,000 to fund Community Priorities Fund. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-082) AMENDING WHATCOM COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 2.03, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (AB2023-775)**: This ordinance amends Whatcom County Code 2.03, Boards and Commissions, to better ensure equal access to opportunities for individuals living in the county to participate in County government and its decision-making process. This ordinance was introduced November 21, 2023. **ORDINANCE (2023-083) SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY A PROPOSAL TO AMEND WHATCOM COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 4.30 TO EXPAND THE STANDARDS FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST (AB2023-778)**: This ordinance submits a proposal to the Whatcom County Auditor for inclusion on the 2024 General Election ballot that, if approved, would amend Whatcom County Charter Section 4.30 to expand the standard for conflict(s) of interest to include language prohibiting County elected officials from holding any other public office at any level of government during their term of office. This ordinance was introduced on November 21, 2023.

ACTION PROPOSED (INTRODUCED)

The Whatcom County Council will consider adopting and may amend the following at its 6 p.m. meeting on January 9, 2024 or at a later date: **ORDINANCE ADOPTING TWO-TENTHS OF ONE-PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND JUSTICE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, INCLUDING A NEW COUNTY JAIL, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS (AB2023-822)**: This ordinance adopts a two-tenths of one-percent sales and use tax, the proceeds of which will be deposited to the New Public Health, Safety & Justice Facility Project Fund to be used for costs associated with public health, safety, and justice facilities and services, including a new County jail, behavioral health, supportive housing, public safety, and other criminal justice facilities and services in accordance with the Justice Project Implementation Plan. This ordinance was introduced on December 5, 2023. **ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 17, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,400,000 (AB2023-840)**: This ordinance amends the 2023 Whatcom County budget to appropriate \$1,400,000 from the General Fund in Conservation Futures to fund the acquisition of the Nessett Farm property. This ordinance was introduced on December 5, 2023.

Public documents are available for review weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Council Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105, Bellingham, and at whatcomcounty.us/council. View meeting schedules, agendas, minutes, videos, documents and archives at whatcom.legistar.com. The Council is currently holding hybrid meetings, which can be attended either in person or remotely. Full Council meetings begin at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise announced) in the Council Chambers at 311 Grand Avenue. Instructions for remote participation can be found at www.whatcomcounty.us/joinvirtualcouncil or by contacting the Council Office at 360-778-5010. The Council Chambers is handicapped accessible. People with special needs who will be attending Council meetings are asked to contact the Council Office (360-778-5010) at least 96 hours in advance.

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Stefani Beard, being duly sworn, deposes and says: That he/she is the Principal Clerk of The Bellingham Herald, a daily newspaper printed and published in Bellingham, Whatcom County, State of Washington, and having a general circulation therein, and which said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said County during a period of six months prior to the first publication of the notice, a copy of which is attached hereto: that said notice was published in The Bellingham Herald, as amended, for:

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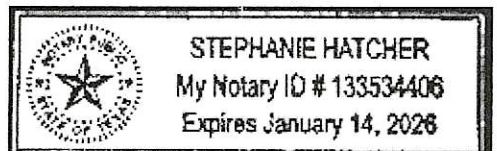
Stefani Beard

(Principal Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn on this 11th day of December in the year of 2023 before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared before me Stefani Beard known or identified to me to be the person whose name subscribed to the within instrument, and being by first duly sworn, declared that the statements therein are true, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

Stephanie Hatcher

Notary Public in and for the state of Texas, residing in Dallas County



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