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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
**Special Committee of the Whole**

January 15, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council Chair Rud Browne called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Avenue, Bellingham, Washington.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Barbara Brenner, Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey, and Satpal Sidhu.  
**Absent:** None.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**1. AB2019-045 DISCUSSION REGARDING PRELIMINARY DRAFT  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS - CHERRY POINT**

Matt Aamot, Planning and Development Services Department, gave a staff report and answered questions.

Staff and councilmembers discussed the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process; types of fossil fuels that are refined, unrefined, and identified in the ordinance; the timeline of Planning Commission review and Council adoption; and the history of the proposal.

**Donovan moved** to send his amended preliminary draft dated December, including tracked changes from the October version, to the Planning Commission with a 60-day deadline and to send to the Climate Impact Advisory Committee for input on what they might be able to do with SEPA language and greenhouse gas emissions.

The motion was seconded.

Councilmembers and staff continued to discuss transparency; identifying the Council's jurisdiction on various issues; the conditional use permit mechanism; and limiting the refinery from converting to a transshipment facility.

**Browne restated the motion** to send Councilmember Donovan's amended preliminary draft dated December, including tracked changes from the October version, to the Planning Commission.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Buchanan, Donovan, Frazey, and Sidhu (4)  
**Nays:** Byrd, Brenner (2)  
**Abstains:** Browne (1)

1 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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3 There was no other business.  
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6 **ADJOURN**

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8 The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.  
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10 The Council approved these minutes on February 12, 2019.

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12 ATTEST:

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18 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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23 Rud Browne, Council Chair

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