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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
Finance and Administrative Services Committee

July 23, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Satpal Sidhu called the meeting to order at 10:32 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: Barry Buchanan

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Jack Louws, County Executive, stated he does not have a report.

Jon Hutchings, Public Works Department Director, reported and answered questions on the following items:

- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition planning
- Road closures and an event proposal by Lummi Nation

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. AB2019-376 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE AGATE HEIGHTS/ESTATE BAY LANE STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS FUND, REQUEST NO. 3

Byrd moved to recommend adoption to the full Council.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Byrd, Frazey, and Sidhu (3)
Nays: None (0)

2. AB2019-378 ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 WHATCOM COUNTY BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 9, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,122

Byrd moved to recommend adoption to the full Council.

The following staff answered questions:

- Bruce Van Glubt, District Court Probation Administrator
- Jack Louws, County Executive

Councilmembers and staff discussed the timing of hiring a pretrial services officer, increased use of electronic equipment program, GPS monitoring, and the motion(s) below.

1 **Byrd moved** to amend to increase the amount appropriated to District Court from
2 \$120,000 to \$200,000.

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4 The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

5 **Ayes:** Byrd (1)

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

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8 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

10 **Nays:** None (0)

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12 **3. AB2019-386 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
13 **ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY**
14 **AND WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR RESOURCES TO**
15 **ASSIST PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS TO OBTAIN AND**
16 **MAINTAIN HOUSING STABILITY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,257,257**

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

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20 Barbara Johnson-Vinna, Health Department, gave a staff report and answered
21 questions on baseline information and operations costs.

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23 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

25 **Nays:** None (0)

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27 **4. AB2019-380 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 FLOOD CONTROL ZONE**
28 **DISTRICT AND SUBZONES BUDGET, REQUEST NO. 4, IN THE AMOUNT OF**
29 **\$218,000 (COUNCIL ACTING AS THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT**
30 **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS)**

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32 **Frazey moved** to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors.

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34 Councilmembers discussed the need for more discussion on the budget request.

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36 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

38 **Nays:** Byrd (1)

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40 **5. AB2019-391 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
41 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
42 **KPFF CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC TO INCREASE THE ORIGINAL**
43 **CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$322,119 BY \$729,344 FOR A NEW AMOUNT NOT TO**
44 **EXCEED \$1,051,463**

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

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48 The following staff gave a staff report and answered questions:

- 49 • Roland Middleton, Public Works Department
- 50 • Jack Louws, County Executive

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52 Councilmembers and staff discussed grant writing, funding schemes, and the
53 possibility of moving the ferry terminal.

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2 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

4 **Nays:** None (0)

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6 **6. AB2019-393 REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO**
7 **ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN WHATCOM COUNTY AND**
8 **OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL TO DELIVER HOUSING AND ESSENTIAL NEEDS**
9 **(HEN) AND UTILITY ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS IN THE AMOUNT**
10 **OF \$1,429,113 FOR A TOTAL AMENDED CONTRACT AMOUNT OF**
11 **\$2,629,463.50**

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

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15 The motion carried by the following vote:

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

17 **Nays:** None (0)

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20 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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22 Jack Louws, County Executive, stated he will not be at the evening Council meeting.

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25 **ADJOURN**

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27 The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

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36 Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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41 Jill Nixon, Minutes Transcription

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Satpal Sidhu, Committee Chair