

Whatcom County Council

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Minutes - Draft Minutes

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

6 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON OR SEE REMOTE JOIN
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COUNCILMEMBERS

Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kaylee Galloway
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

COUNTY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Todd Donovan called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Carol Frazey, Kaylee Galloway, and Kathy Kershner

Absent: None

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, reported on the following:

- Public safety and housing updates for the county. He spoke about a letter from all seven of the city mayors supporting the new public safety building and the need for a new building for our current jail and treatment programs. He urged the Council to continue to make more investments in public safety measures in the coming years.
- A recent incident concerning an Assessor's Office property inspector, the role and legal authority of the Assessor's Office, a request to join him in working to dispel misconceptions about the Assessor's authority, and the role of elected officials in supporting County staff who interact with the public.

MINUTES CONSENT

Buchanan moved to accept the minutes consent items. The motion was seconded by Byrd (see votes on individual items below).

1. [MIN2022-023](#) Committee of the Whole for March 22, 2022

Buchanan moved and Byrd seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [MIN2022-024](#) Regular County Council for March 22, 2022

Buchanan moved and Byrd seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [MIN2022-025](#) Health Board for March 29, 2022

Buchanan moved and Byrd seconded that the Minutes Consent be APPROVED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council staff played a short instructional video about how to speak at the meeting.

1. [AB2022-177](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 1.14, Electoral Precincts, adjusting boundary lines based on decennial census information in the Legislative, Congressional and County Council districts

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Byrd moved and Buchanan seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-028

2. [AB2022-121](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Horton Road

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Byrd moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED.

Councilmembers discussed that there was a motion made in Committee.

Andrew Hester, Public Works Department, stated the action would be to approve an amended Resolution waiving the utility reservation easement.

Donovan moved to amend the Resolution to waive the utility reservation easement. The motion was seconded by Buchanan.

Councilmembers and staff discussed the motion and that there were two requests discussed which were waiving the reservation of the utility easement and waiving the compensation that would be due from the road vacation. They discussed whether they should be dealt with separately.

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Councilmembers and staff discussed whether they should wait in order to get more information of the cost benefit analysis of the mitigation bank and what the \$26,000 would otherwise go to, and whether the Council could go forward with the vacation and address just the compensation issue at a later date.

Karen Frakes, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, stated she could not answer that question off the top of her head and would have to look a little closer at the law.

Scott Havill, City of Bellingham Mitigation Coordinator, stated the City would prefer to be able to complete the full right of way vacation transaction at this meeting if possible.

Kershner moved and Buchanan seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED AS AMENDED.

Councilmembers discussed the motion.

Kershner's motion that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED AS AMENDED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-016

3. [AB2022-122](#) Resolution vacating a portion of Boxwood Road
Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Byrd moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED.

Kershner moved to amend the Resolution to waive the utility easement. The motion was seconded by Buchannan.

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Byrd's motion that the Resolution Requiring a Public Hearing be APPROVED AS AMENDED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-017

4. [AB2022-162](#) Ordinance establishing movement restrictions on E. Hemmi Road at the intersection with Hannegan Road

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Byrd moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED.

Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, briefed the Councilmembers.

Elenbaas stated he hopes people along the detour know this is happening, that it may bring more traffic but it is for the kids, and that they are asking the Sheriff's Office with this Ordinance to do emphasis patrols.

Karcher answered whether there are any sunsets on this Ordinance and whether they are planning to come back and review and see how effective it was.

Byrd's motion that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-029

5. [AB2022-163](#) Ordinance Removing a School Speed Zone on Hannegan Road

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Frazey moved and Buchanan seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED.

Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, answered and Councilmembers discussed whether there is a fence along the road.

Frazey's motion that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-030

6. [AB2022-164](#) Ordinance establishing parking control on Eddie Lane within the Plat of Whisper Lake

Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.

Byrd moved and Kershner seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED.

Jim Karcher, Public Works Department, gave background on this and how it related to the next two agenda items and answered whether there will be any complaints or people upset about this parking zone.

Byrd's motion that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-031

7. [AB2022-165](#) Ordinance Establishing a Speed Limit within the Plat of Whisper Lake
- Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.
- Kershner moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 0
- Enactment No: ORD 2022-032

8. [AB2022-166](#) Ordinance for installation of a stop sign within the plat of Whisper Lake
- Donovan opened the Public Hearing and, hearing no one, closed the Public Hearing.
- Byrd moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 0
- Enactment No: ORD 2022-033

OPEN SESSION (20 MINUTES)

The following people spoke:

- Steven Bailey (testimony not heard online or on the recording-- there was temporarily no sound)
- Cliff Langley
- Misty Flowers
- Cynthia Sue Ripke-Kutsagoitz
- Tammy (last name not given)
- Steven Bailey (the first speaker spoke again since there was no sound earlier when he spoke)
- Daniel Beurdick
- Lyle Sorenson
- Name not given
- Armando Brionez
- Craig Robinson
- Name not given

- Klaus Klix
- Richard Halley
- Tasha Dexter Thompson
- Robert Bystrom
- Natalie Chavez
- Mary Walker
- Enoch Mann
- Dennis Sorenson
- Richard Johnson
- Lorraine Sorenson
- Megan Wiseman
- Dam Pham
- Karla Rae
- Ken Domorod
- Beth (last name not given)
- Nancy Bergman
- Richard Tran
- Susan Prosser
- Daniel Donner

Hearing no one else, Donovan closed the Open Session.

Clerk's note: Councilmembers took a short break.

CONSENT AGENDA

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and ***moved*** to approve Consent Agenda items one through fourteen.

Councilmembers discussed and voted on those items (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2022-195](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Skagit County Sheriff's Office for use of the Plantation Rifle Range to train personnel, in the amount of \$16,109.98

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2022-196](#) Request Authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham Police Department for use of the Plantation Rifle Range to train personnel, in the amount of \$27,865.67

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-171](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Washington State Office of Public Defense to be reimbursed for increased service costs related to Covid 19, in the amount of \$73,000.00

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2022-184](#) Request approval for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment with Herrera Environmental Consultants, Inc. to expand the scope of work, timeline, and funding to complete the Offsite Buffer Mitigation Program Feasibility Study in the amount of \$60,000 for a total amended contract of \$100,000

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-198](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and Public Safety Testing to conduct background investigations on Sheriff's office employment candidates, in the amount of an estimated \$42,000.00

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion

carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2022-199](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Julota to integrate data among various data storage platforms used to track and monitor services and care provided to individuals frequently seen by the GRACE and LEAD Programs in the amount of \$26,103 for a total amended contract amount of \$80,353

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2022-201](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the Marysville Police Department for use of the Plantation Rifle Range to train personnel, in the amount of \$3,005.52

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

8. [AB2022-203](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council to provide Leasing Specialist and intensive case management services in the amount of \$159,613 for a total amended contract amount of \$229,103

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

9. [AB2022-204](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Axon Enterprise, Inc. to provide additional body worn cameras and detective interview room cameras, in the amount of \$102,457.76

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

10. [AB2022-205](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization to provide funding for the Recovery Navigator Program intended to enhance Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) programming, in the amount of \$512,455

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

11. [AB2022-210](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and PeaceHealth for the lease of office space for the Health Department's Response Systems Division at 800 East Chestnut Street, in the amount of \$9,171.96

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

12. [AB2022-213](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for use of Bellingham's 800MHz Radio Network, in the amount of \$5,040

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion

carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

13. [AB2022-222](#) Request permission for the County Executive to enter into a Local Agency A&E Professional Services Agreement between Whatcom County and KPFF, Inc. to provide on-call professional mechanical engineering support for the Whatcom County ferry program in 2022, in the amount of \$40,000.00

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

14. [AB2022-228](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Whatcom Conservation District for farm planning services and financial assistance, in the amount of \$140,021 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Contract (FCZDBS) be AUTHORIZED BY CONSENT. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

OTHER ITEMS

(From Council Finance and Administrative Services Committee)

1. [AB2022-194](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a contract between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham to support Child and Family Action Plan implementation activities, in the amount of \$150,000

***Byrd* reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and *moved* that the Contract be AUTHORIZED.**

Kershner spoke about the title of the item and stated this is \$150,000 that the City of Bellingham is contributing to the Whatcom County Child and

Family Action Plan implementation; so the County is not giving the City of Bellingham \$150,000, they are contributing to the plan that we have for children and families.

Byrd's motion that the Contract be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2022-197](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement between Whatcom County and Washington Department of Ecology to develop and implement a collaborative process to identify local solutions for water availability issues in the Nooksack Basin and supporting technical work in the amount of \$250,000

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and **moved** that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED.

Elenbaas stated he hopes we are heavy on technical work and implementing the process and less so the development.

Kershner stated this is \$250,000 from the Department of Ecology to Whatcom County and this is money that is to go in parallel with the adjudication process that's happening so that if there are some different ways or local solutions that we can come to some agreement, this money will help us do that.

Byrd's motion that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-202](#) Request authorization for the County Executive to enter into a Interagency agreement between Whatcom County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology for Whatcom Compound Flood Vulnerability and Risk Assessment

Byrd reported for the Finance and Administrative Services Committee and moved that the Interlocal be AUTHORIZED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

(From Council Committee of the Whole)

4. [AB2022-190](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code 2.21, Board of Equalization

Donovan reported for the Committee of the Whole and moved that the Ordinance be ADOPTED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: ORD 2022-034

(No Committee Assignment)

5. [AB2022-220](#) Resolution establishing guidelines for Council appointment to judicial and legislature vacancies

Kershner moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution be APPROVED.

Kershner thanked Council staff for putting this together.

Councilmembers discussed and Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council, and Cathy Halka, Council Legislative Analyst, answered questions about whether the Resolution was introduced two weeks ago, whether language should be added to the Resolution about being able to ask the Whatcom County Bar Association and Washington Women Lawyers (or other outside entities) for input, how the Resolution was scheduled on the agenda, and whether there are similar guidelines that apply to Council Appointments and other appointments they do as a legislative body.

Elenbaas moved and Buchanan seconded that the Resolution be approved but a motion was already on the floor.

Kershner's motion that the Resolution be APPROVED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

Enactment No: RES 2022-018

COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

1. [AB2022-211](#) Appointment to a vacancy on the Forestry Advisory Committee, commercial forest landowner position - Applicant(s): Quentin Dills

Byrd moved and Buchanan seconded that the Council Appointment be APPOINTED by acclamation.

Elenbaas asked whether Council needs to vote when there is only one applicant.

Byrd's motion that the Council Appointment be APPOINTED carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

ITEMS ADDED BY REVISION

There were no agenda items added by revision.

INTRODUCTION ITEMS

Buchanan moved to introduce items one through nine. The motion was seconded by Frazey (see votes on individual items below).

1. [AB2022-193](#) Resolution authorizing the County Executive to sign the Black Slough Comprehensive Barrier Removal Design Project grant application to the Brian Abbott Fish Barrier Removal Board (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

2. [AB2022-206](#) Ordinance relating to the Growth Management Act, adopting regulations for forest practices, adding a new Whatcom County Code Chapter 20.76, and amending Chapter 20.80

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

3. [AB2022-214](#) Ordinance adopting amendments to the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan relating to capital facilities planning

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

4. [AB2022-215](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Swift Creek Capital Projects Fund, request no. 1

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

5. [AB2022-217](#) Resolution amending the Flood Control Zone District & Subzones 2022 budget, request no. 2, in the amount of \$110,000 (Council acting as the Whatcom County Flood Control Zone District Board of Supervisors)

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Resolution (FCZDBS) be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

6. [AB2022-219](#) Ordinance amending the project budget for the Way Station Project Fund, request No. 1

Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

Absent: 0

7. [AB2022-221](#) Ordinance amending Whatcom County Code Section 16.50.090 to incorporate changes to the C-PACER Program adopted by the state legislature in RCW 36.165.060
- Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance Requiring a Public Hearing be INTRODUCED FOR PUBLIC HEARING. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 0
8. [AB2022-224](#) Ordinance amending WCC 2.123.040 Membership - Term of Office for the Forestry Advisory Committee
- Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 0
9. [AB2022-225](#) Ordinance amending the 2022 Whatcom County Budget, request no. 7, in the amount of \$6,246,353
- Buchanan moved and Frazey seconded that the Ordinance be INTRODUCED. The motion carried by the following vote:**
- Aye:** 7 - Buchanan, Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, Galloway, and Kershner
- Nay:** 0
- Absent:** 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS, OTHER ITEMS, AND COUNCILMEMBER UPDATES

Councilmembers gave committee reports and other updates.

Discussion included:

- An invitation to Councilmembers to an upcoming meeting of the Business and Commerce Advisory Committee
- The letter from all the city mayors regarding a request to look at the situation we have with our jail, whether a discussion about it should go to a committee, and whether the Council should respond to the letter
- A recent visit to the Bessie Timber sale site with the Department of

Natural Resources (DNR) to learn more about DNR’s active forest management plans and practices

- Volunteering at a senior center
- Concerns about public safety
- An upcoming Resolution regarding Comprehensive Plan priorities
- An upcoming meeting this week of the Climate Impact Advisory Committee
- Assessor employees accessing and respecting private property
- Forest protection and supporting a viable timber economy
- The recent loss of two great men in Whatcom County: Whatcom District 7 Assistant Fire Chief, Dean Crosswhite and Navy Seabee veteran, Walt DeKraii

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, addressed Elenbaas' comments about Assessor employees being neighborly and respectful as they do their job.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Todd Donovan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription