

Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Action Summary

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

2:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 4:30 P.M., MAY BEGIN EARLY
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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.

Call To Order

Roll Call

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

Announcements

Special Presentation

1. [AB2023-535](#) Presentation on Washington State University's independent review of progress on addressing the recommendations and strategies in the 2017 Vera Institute of Justice report

This item was considered out of order. See below after the Committee Discussion Part 1.

Committee Discussion Part 1

1. [AB2023-583](#) Discussion of a resolution supporting the use of Economic Development Investment (EDI) funds for affordable housing

DISCUSSED

Special Presentation

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PRESENTED

Committee Discussion Part 2

1. [AB2023-583](#) Discussion of a resolution supporting the use of Economic Development Investment (EDI) funds for affordable housing

See the majority of the discussion on this item above.

2. [AB2023-582](#) Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocation

DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED

Motion approved 7-0 that Kershner work with the Administration to identify a path forward for increasing our investments in senior services.

Motion approved that Donovan and Galloway work with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to check on the status of these timber sale pauses, find out when Mt. Baker School District can expect a payment, if any of the timber sales are included in the land swap, and what the impact to all the school districts will be so that we can take action as a Council to honor our commitment to make sure that these districts are made whole.

Committee Discussion and Recommendation to Council

1. [AB2023-548](#) Ordinance amending WCC 2.145, Lummi Island Ferry Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION

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

Nay: 0

Items Added by Revision

Other Business

Adjournment