

# **Whatcom County Council Committee of the Whole-Executive Session**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**9 AM**

**Hybrid Meeting - Council Chambers**

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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Barry Buchanan  
Tyler Byrd  
Todd Donovan  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway  
Jon Scanlon  
Mark Stremler

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Cathy Halka, AICP, CMC

## **Call To Order**

Council Chair Kaylee Galloway called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in a hybrid meeting.

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Ben Elenbaas, Kaylee Galloway, Jon Scanlon, and Mark Stremmler

## **Announcements**

## **Committee Discussion**

**Attorney Present: Jesse Corkern.**

Galloway stated that discussion of agenda item one, two, and three may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f), RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), and RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i) respectively. Executive session will conclude no later than 10:10 a.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, the Council chair will make a public announcement.

***Byrd moved*** to go into executive session until no later than 10:10 a.m. to discuss the agenda item(s) pursuant to the RCW citation(s) as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Galloway, Stremmler, and Buchanan

**Nay:** 0

**Out of the Meeting:** 1 - Scanlon

Councilmembers entered executive session at 9:04 a.m.

1. [AB2025-193](#) Discussion of employment complaint procedures and recent employment investigations, as per Whatcom County Charter Section 2.21 Council Subpoena Powers [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(f)]

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

2. [AB2025-202](#) Discussion of pending litigation and mediation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern, re; Joyce R. Cheney, Plaintiff vs. Whatcom County, Defendant, Skagit County Superior Court Case No. 21-2-00113-29. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

3. [AB2025-203](#) Discussion of pending litigation and mediation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Jesse Corkern, re; Dawson and Hailey Church, and the Estate of Murray Church, and the Estate of Gail Amundsen, Plaintiffs vs. Andgar Mechanical, LLC, et al., Defendants, Whatcom County Superior Court Case No. 23-2-00003-37. [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i)]

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED.**

### **Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

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Cathy Halka, Council Clerk

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Kaylee Galloway, Council Chair

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