

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

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Committee Minutes - Draft Minutes

VIRTUAL MEETING - MAY BEGIN EARLIER/LATER THAN 3:30 P.M.

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

COUNCILMEMBERS

Rud Browne
Barry Buchanan
Tyler Byrd
Todd Donovan
Ben Elenbaas
Carol Frazey
Kathy Kershner

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

Call To Order

Council Chair Barry Buchanan called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Announcements

Committee Discussion

Attorney Present: George Roche

Buchanan stated that discussion of agenda item one may take place in executive session pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i). Executive session will conclude no later than 5:55 p.m. If the meeting extends beyond the stated conclusion time, Council staff will step out of the meeting to make a public announcement.

Donovan moved to go into executive session until no later than 5:55 p.m. to discuss the agenda items pursuant to the RCW citation as announced by the Council Chair. The motion was seconded by Byrd.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 0

1. [AB2020-328](#) Discussion of pending litigation with Civil Deputy Prosecutor George Roche: Vargas v. Whatcom County, et al. US District Court Western District of WA No. 2:20-cv-00921 and Anderson as Representative of Estate of Powless v. Whatcom County, US District Court Western District of WA No. 2:20-cv-01125 [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2020-333](#) Discussion with Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor Karen Frakes regarding potential litigation related to proposed fossil fuel regulations [Discussion of this item may take place in executive session (closed to the public) pursuant to RCW42.30.110 (1) (i)]

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

Other Business

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription