

# **Whatcom County Council Planning and Development Committee**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
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## **Committee Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, June 6, 2023  
1 PM  
Hybrid Meeting**

**HYBRID MEETING - ADJOURNS BY 1:30 P.M. (PARTICIPATE IN-PERSON, SEE  
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### **COUNCILMEMBERS**

Tyler Byrd  
Ben Elenbaas  
Kaylee Galloway

### **CLERK OF THE COUNCIL**

Dana Brown-Davis, C.M.C.

## Call To Order

Committee Chair Ben Elenbaas called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. in a hybrid meeting.

## Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Tyler Byrd, Ben Elenbaas, and Kaylee Galloway

Also Present: Barry Buchanan, Carol Frazey, and Kathy Kershner

## Announcements

## Committee Discussion

1. [AB2023-355](#) Discussion of an ordinance adopting Zoning Code amendments relating to density, lot size, setbacks, and public water and sewer for the Birch Bay Urban Growth Area and other areas of the County

Matt Aamot, Planning and Development Services Department, briefed the Councilmembers and answered whether it is feasible to hook up public water and sewer where it would be required and whether Birch Bay Water and Sewer has capacity for it, whether we will be seeing this type of thing for areas other than Birch Bay, how we are considering climate vulnerabilities into our future planning in geographic areas that are going to be more disproportionately vulnerable, whether we are looking forward and asking whether we want to or should be growing in this and other Urban Growth Areas (UGAs), how we get to a place like this where our Comprehensive Plan is basically saying we need to build more houses than what we are even able to build, and whether there is one measure Planning is leaning toward of the four potential reasonable measures the County may consider for the Birch Bay UGA (noted in the memo). Aamot stated they are addressing bullets two, three, and four in this proposal and he answered questions about the definition of minimum net density in Exhibit G of the Draft Ordinance.

***Byrd moved*** to recommend the related Ordinance for introduction tonight (Ordinance on the agenda for Introduction as **AB2023-356**).

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 3 - Byrd, Galloway, and Elenbaas

**Nay:** 0

**This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.**

Motion approved to recommend for introduction tonight.

**Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

**Ben Elenbaas-via email 7/11/2023**

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Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

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Ben Elenbaas, Committee Chair

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