

Whatcom County Council (Special)

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Minutes - Draft Minutes

VIRTUAL MEETING - VIEW ONLINE; BUDGET WORK SESSION

Thursday, October 29, 2020

9:30 AM

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 9:30 a.m. a.m. in a virtual meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Rud Browne, Barry Buchanan, Tyler Byrd, Todd Donovan, Carol Frazey and Ben Elenbaas

Absent: 1 - Kathy Kershner

Discussion

1. [AB2020-484](#) Discussion of the County Executive's recommended 2021-2022 Biennium Budget
The following departments briefed the Councilmembers on their respective budgets and answered questions:

Auditor

Diana Bradrick, County Auditor

Approximate Video Timestamp: 00:01:07

Treasurer

Steve Oliver, County Treasurer

Approximate Video Timestamp: 00:19:05

Planning and Development Services

Mark Personius, Planning and Development Services Department

Director

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Council

Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Approximate Video Timestamp: 01:23:51

The meeting recessed then reconvened and the following departments briefed the Councilmembers on their respective budgets and answered questions:

Public Defender

Starck Follis, Public Defender's Office Director

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Assessor

Rebecca Xczar, County Assessor

Approximate Video Timestamp: 01:47:56

District Court**Bruce Van Glubt, District Court Administrator**

Approximate Video Timestamp: 01:56:05

The following people also spoke and answered questions:

- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

This agenda item was DISCUSSED.

2. [AB2020-468](#) Discussion of utilizing Cares Act funding to assist Whatcom County Water Districts
- Byrd gave a presentation and Councilmembers discussed whether his plan could be done and the proposed criteria and timeline for applications should they proceed.

The following people also spoke:

- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
- Tyler Schroeder, Executive's Office
- Brad Bennett, Administrative Services Department
- Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

Elenbaas moved that they meet again on this item on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 2:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Donovan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Byrd, Donovan, Elenbaas, Frazey, and Browne

Nay: 0

Absent: 1 - Kershner

Out of the Meeting: 1 - Buchanan

This agenda item was DISCUSSED AND MOTION(S) APPROVED.**Items Added by Revision**

There were no agenda items added by revision.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WA

Dana Brown-Davis, Council Clerk

Barry Buchanan, Council Chair

Kristi Felbinger, Minutes Transcription